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GIVE Irwin a call and be convinced that he means business in drugs.

FIVE DOLLARS to Cincinnati and return—too cheap to miss.

IT IS time to begin to talk up the county fair.

PRESCRIPTIONS and family recipes accurately compounded at Irwin's, corner west of post office

MISS SUNDERMAN is still improving today, and strong hopes are entertained of her recovery.

ATTORNEYS are getting ready for the trial of causes in the May term of court, which opens on Monday next.

REMEMBER the State Sunday School convention which takes place here on Tuesday, May 21st.

READ the card of George R. Shirley, attorney-at-law, Blue Mound. Parties in Decatur, having law business in that locality, will do well to make a note of the fact that Blue Mound has a lawyer.

THE new rules and regulations adopted by the Hook & Ladder Co. are now in the hands of the secretary, J. M. Ehrman, and each member is requested to supply himself with a copy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL excursions and picnics are beginning to attract attention among the juveniles, and no matter how much the older folks may dread it, and try to talk it down, the inevitable picnic is bound to come off.

MR. C. E. CONNARD, of Wheatland, has two hundred acres of corn planted, with a portion of it up. The late rains, which have flooded some portions of his fields, will necessitate the replanting of a portion of his ground.

THE Young Brothers are opening their stock of groceries, at the old stand of Newell & Hammer. Their stock is large and complete, and all fresh and new.—They have a good stand, and are bound to do a fine business.

THREE wagon loads of movers, pointing Kansas-ward, passed through town last forenoon. They had good teams, and an outfit generally which indicated that they are well-to-do in the world.

ON Saturday night last the temperance Alliance, which has been organized in the vicinity of Sharon Church, held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the church named, which was addressed by Capt. J. S. Post and others. The meeting was characterized by much spirit and enthusiasm.

THE planing mill in process of construction by Lyon, Gipson & Co., at the corner of Broadway and Cerro Gordo sts., is now fairly under way. The foundation is laid, and the putting up of the frame commenced yesterday. It will be rapidly pushed to completion.

YESTERDAY afternoon an interesting temperance meeting was held at the Dennis school house, which was addressed by D. L. Bunn, Esq. There is an organized Alliance in that neighborhood the members of which are actively engaged in the temperance work. The meeting yesterday was fully attended, and much interest was manifested. Mr. Bunn, as usual, made an excellent speech.

Mr. James Magruder, of Bethany, Moultrie county, is in town to-day, his errand being to have a surgical operation performed upon his leg, which was injured by an accident years ago. An operation performed by Dr. Walston last fall gave him great relief, but he is of the opinion that some particles of dead bone still remain, which will necessitate another operation.

POTATOES promise to be as unusually early this season as do wheat and other grains. People who planted potatoes early have new potatoes now as large as walnuts, and will have them large enough to cook by the first or middle of June.—The early incoming of the new crop will tend to a rapid decline in the price of old ones.

A large lot of Hamburg Edgings, just received and very cheap, at

From Monday's Daily.

TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Cold Water Army Out in Force.

A large crowd gathered at the court house on Saturday evening, to witness the exercises by the members of the Cold Water Army, and listen to addresses.—The children composing the army met at the lecture-room of the 1st M. E. church, and were marched from there to the court house in full regalia, about half-past 7 o'clock. They were seated inside the bar, and their banners were placed upon the stand in full view of the audience. In a few moments after the children were seated the large court-room was densely packed.

After singing by the congregation, under the lead of D. L. Bunn, Esq., and prayer by Rev. W. S. Crissey, the audience was entertained by readings and recitations by several members of the Cold Water Army, which were rendered in a manner that would have done credit to persons of riper age.

Following these exercises Mr. R. L. Evans, our city librarian, amused the young people with caricature drawings on paper. Some rebuses were also given, which were highly amusing to all present.

While a song was being sung several persons came forward and signed the pledge.

An address was then delivered by G. F. Kimball, editor of the *Sun*, in which he argued the importance of carrying temperance into the state and national politics, with a view to prohibiting by law the importation and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

A few remarks were also made by D. L. Bunn, Esq., who made sundry announcements of meetings for the ensuing week.

After further singing the benediction was pronounced by Father Crissey.

MISCHIEVOUS BOYS.—The committing of depredations upon fences, trees, and the gounds of our people by unruly boys, is coming to be a serious affair and should receive the particular attention of the police and other officials. A day or two since we called attention to the fact that boys had been catching trout from the private pond of Mr. John Imboden, who had been at considerable trouble and expense to procure the fish for the purpose of stocking a pond with them.

Another freak of these mischievous urchins is that of cutting and marking yard fences, and in some cases breaking out pickets; still another is that of robbing flower beds of choice plants and blossoms, and in some cases we hear of trees being cut so as to ruin them. These acts and others not named, indicate on the part of the boys who commit them a degree of depravity which, if not checked, will pave the way for the commission of graver offences, which will land them in the penitentiary. Parents will do well to ascertain whether or not their boys are engaged in these depredations; they may have been guilty when you did not know it. Those who have suffered from the depredations referred to, or from other mischievous acts of boys, will do well to watch their premises with due vigilance and, if possible, catch the boys at their tricks.

A GOOD THING.—The movement on the part of the temperance people of the county to hold a grand celebration in this city on the Fourth of July, is one that will be seconded by our people generally. It will have a tendency to bring a large crowd of people to the city, and should the arrangements be perfected it will probably bring to the city representative temperance orators which will be a pleasure for all to hear, whether they agree with them in sentiment or not. We hope that those who have the matter in charge will make it a point to get the best speakers that can possibly be obtained. A grand Fourth of July celebration is just what Decatur should have this year.

THOSE in need of clothing of any kind, boots, shoes, hats, caps, or anything in the line of gents' furnishing goods, should make it a point to call on "Cheap Charley," corner of Main and Water streets, before going elsewhere. He is, indeed, "The Poor Man's Friend," as the quality of his goods, in connection with his low prices, will attest. Take our word for it and give him a call, and you will be more than satisfied with the bargains you get.

BITTEN BY A DOG.—On Sunday a small boy, about six years of age, the son of Lewis Sigmon, was badly bitten by a dog on West Main street. The child went across the street to where the dog was, and attempted to drive it, when the animal turned upon him and bit him badly near the left eye. The dog was afterward killed.

Just Received, at Mrs. L. W. Hurd's, all the latest novelties in millinery. First quality Germantown yarns, 20 cents per skein, Bergman Zephyrs, 15 cents per ounce; also, all shades in crewel. A full assortment of all varieties of fancy goods for ladies, at the very lowest prices.
April 16-d&w3w

A New Stock of Velocipedes, at lower prices than ever before, at
May 3 J. M. STOOKEY & Co.'s.

Bergman's Zephyrs, the best and cheapest, at LINN & SCRUGGS'.

For the Decatur REPUBLICAN.

TO MY MUSE.

ALLA DIVA.

O thou before whose virgin brow
My wayward spirit learns to bow,
Before whose pure and shining feet
My heart doth kneel in rapture sweet,
Whose image floats along my dreams
As sails upon a silent sea,
Or birds that swim the silver streams
Of Paradise in ecstasy,
Bend down thy calm and holy face,
Illumined by ethereal grace,
Upon my soul that it may burn
With new-enkindled passion-fires
That smoulder in the pictured urn
Of Mem'ry, hidden by desires
Of hourly needs, and ashes gray
The remnants of the vanished day.

I sit upon the shore of Night,
And all is dark as if the spheres
Which roll in music and in light
Had fallen from the crown of years.
No stars within me, stars without,
To guide my soul amid its tears
Across the stormy seas of doubt!
And Hope's frail compass broken lies
Beside me as I gaze alone
Into the dim unanswering skies,
The seeker of a bliss unknown.
Oh! for a ray to penetrate
The curtained windows of my fate,
A song so potent and divine
That it might waft my thoughts afar
And leave the hapless clay of mine
Forgotten on this peopled star—
This star which I must ever roam
A stranger cast from men apart,
With all the world around as home,
And not a place to rest my heart.

Descend, supreme, celestial fair,
Below thy bright and native air,
Upon the pinions of the Spring,
Into the forest's leafy mart
Where oft my early wandering
Wakes Nature's sweet and warbling art;
And teach my rude and labored lay
To flit with glowing wings away
To sunlands where thy graces rove,
The star-eyed nymphs of rosy Love.

Now all is sad and all is drear,
The hill, the stream, the sun, the sound,
As if the ghost of Darkness here
Was walking on accursed ground,
And I stood, hopeless and bereft
Of joy, upon some nameless coast,
With not a bark of refuge left
To reach the home forever lost,
And far above, among the clouds,
I saw my perished years in shrouds,
And on the ocean, on the land,
A myriad shades of terror stand,
While from their midst came everywhere
The awesome voices of Despair.

Look downward on my deep distress,
Extend thy sacred hands to bless
My solemn lot, anoint with balm
Of peace and hope and future calm
The sinews of my wounded soul
That journeys to an aimless goal,
And lead its tottering steps aright
Up to that pure immortal light
Which shines upon the royal bed
Where sleep earth's unforgotten dead.
Oh! let me kiss the feet which press
The desert of my loneliness,
And have my slow and fevered tongue
Amid the rythmic waves that rise,
Before thy course and gracious eyes,
Upon the shining streams of song.

Then may, perchance, I soar with these,
Sweet Avon's bird, Maeonides,
Or him of Florence who did wend
Within the dread infernal gates
And viewed the vengeance of the Fates,
With feebler wing alas! to bend
My flight toward the tree of Fame,
And wreathe its leaves about my name.

—GERHARDT SCHICK.

Decatur, Ill., May 6th, 1878.

For the Republican.

AN INFANT ADVENT—A RHAPSODY.

O tell me, O tell me,
Ye stars of the night,
O tell me this wonder
Unfolding to sight!

A blush of Aurora
Entangled in time;
The graces of nature
In meshes of rhyme;
The theme of my transport;
The song of my heart;
A maidenly maiden
With love lips apart;
A smile of the morning
To sweeten the day,
And give to each season
The freshness of May.

O surely young angels,
Enraptured in play,
Forgot this wee cherub
Who wandered away!

A being so tender,
How strange it should stray
Clear down to the moorlands
Of time and decay!
O heart, thou hast clasped it
With love that's untold!
O hand, thou hast grasped it
More firmly than gold!

A. J. W.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report for April, 1878.

No. books loaned	3,176
Average No. books loaned daily	106
No. visitors registered	5,687
Average No. visitors registered daily	190
No. registered borrowers to April 1,	2,585
Fines, etc.,	$6.63

R. L. EVANS, Librarian.

DEDICATION AT ATLANTA.—The new temperance hall, dedicated at Atlanta on Sunday last, by Hon. A. B Bunn, is one of the finest halls in central Illinois. On the occasion of the dedication sixteen hundred people were present by actual count, and nearly a thousand dollars were raised then and there to pay the expenses of fitting up the hall. An address was delivered in the evening by Rev. J. L. Crane, of Springfield, which was followed by another brief address from Mr. Bunn, who was loudly called for. The temperance people of Atlanta are proud of their large and commodious quarters, as they have a right to be.

Excursion to Chicago.—We call particular attention to the advertisement of an excursion to Chicago under the auspices of Beaumanoir Commandery of Knights Templar. The arrangement gives excursionists two full days in Chicago, at only five dollars fare for the round trip. This will afford a most desirable opportunity for persons wishing to visit the Garden City to do so at a small expense.

Read the advertisement carefully. Monday evening, May 13th, at 10:40, is the time fixed for the leaving of the train.

To Bee-keepers.—I can furnish you good hives with movable frames, complete, for $1.00; extra nice ones for $1.50.
E. A. GASTMAN,
may8-d&w2] Decatur, Ill.

Drugs.—Fresh assortment of roots and herbs at Irwin's drug store, west of the

From Tuesday's Daily.

INJUNCTION NOT GRANTED.

The city injunction case came up before Judge Nelson yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Capt. J. S. Post and Hon. A. B. Bunn appearing in support of the petition for the injunction, and Crea & Ewing and K. H. Roby opposing. The case was argued at length, and at the conclusion of arguments of counsel the court held that the bill setting forth the reasons for the injunction prayed for was insufficient, in that it failed to state the reasons for the removal of the officers whose pay the court was asked to enjoin, and also in that it failed to state that other officers had been appointed to fill the places made vacant by removals.

The Judge remarked that he had no question as to the power of the Mayor to remove an appointive officer under the law of 1875; but that such removal must be made in a proper manner and for a proper cause; that the power to remove as an absolute and arbitrary right by the Mayor, as claimed by complainant and his counsel, would be a dangerous prerogative, and leave the city at the mercy of the Mayor, which was certainly not the intention or object of the law. Under the theory of the bill the Mayor could remove all officers of the city whose election is not provided for by law and fill their places by others of his own selection, regardless of the rights and interests of the city, and there would be no help for it.—The Mayor must have good and sufficient cause for the removal of an officer before he can exercise his power, and the bill should set forth such reasons, so the court can determine from its reading whether the reasons were sufficient to make the removal lawful, and not doing so the injunction could not be granted.

TEMPERANCE NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE COR. SECRETARY OF THE MACON CO. CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, DECATUR, ILL., May 6, 1878.

At the permanent organization of the "Macon County Christian Temperance Union," (which took place in the hall of the "Decatur Reform Club," on Monday, Dec. 17th, 1877,) it was resolved that "semi-annual meetings of this Union shall be held on the second Monday of November and May of each year." This is, therefore, to notify the various Clubs and Alliances of Macon county, that the semi-annual meeting of the Macon County Christian Temperance Union will be held in Decatur, Illinois, in the hall of the Reform Club, on Monday, May 13th, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M. As it is an important crisis in the progress of the temperance movement, it is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance.

For God and humanity.

JOHN W. PAINE, JR.,
Cor. Sec. W. C. C. T. U

The Common Enemy.

In order to make headway against the common enemy, Disease, it is necessary to oppose him with persistence. It very frequently happens that a remedy perfectly adequate to the necessities of the case, if *persisted in* is condemned and thrown aside because a few doses of it do not cure a malady. How unreasonable and unjust would such a judgment be regarding Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, one of the most popular and highly sanctioned medicines of the day, a potent invigorant and an invariably successful remedy for constipation, dyspepsia, liver complaint, incipient rheumatism and gout, inactivity and weakness of the kidneys and bladder, and for the infirmities incident to the decline of life. No fact is better established than the above, yet in order to experience its truth those afflicted with obstinate forms of disease should give this benignant curative a patient trial. If they do they may rely upon decisive curative results.
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WOMANLY ELEGANCE AND GRACE.

There are few among our fair readed who would not gladly possess the rose complexion, the beautiful form, the cheerfulness and elasticity of spirits, that good health always imparts. Parker's Gieger Tonic will restore these feminine attributes to thousands whose shattered constitutions are due to functional derangement. It radically cures Dyspepsia, gives tone to the enfeebled organs, dissipates Headache, Neuralgia, and Nervousness, relieves painful Periods, and safely establishes regularity of the female functions. It soothes the nerves, imparts ease and strength to mothers themselves, and through the milk to their nursing babes, prevents the Nausea and Constipation peculiar to ladies in a delicate condition, and greatly relieves the suffering of this period. It acts like a charm on the digestive machinery, speedily counteracts the weakening effects on the bowels of excessive heat, injudicious diet, or impure water, and is warranted to cure the worst forms of Colic, Cramps, Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Bloody Flux, Cholera Infantum, and even Asiatic Cholera if taken in time. Buy a $1 bottle of your druggist, W. C. Armstrong, or a sample bottle at 15 cents and test its extraordinary merits.
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Haworth's Check Rower.—Farmers who have Brown or Climax corn planters of the old style, and want check rowers on them can have them attached to and warranted to work all right by bringing the fore part of their planter to the factory, as our center-movement check rower gives entire satisfaction, when properly put on and adjusted.

ANOTHER NEW HOUSE COMPLETED.

Some time last season Mr. D. C. Shockley, one of our enterprising contractors and builders, laid the foundation for a new dwelling at the corner of William and Church streets, on the site formerly occupied by what was known as the Shoaff Cottage, which was moved to the west side of the lot to make room for the new structure. The frame for the new house was put up and enclosed last fall, and the inside work has been carried forward during the fall and winter as the weather has permitted and the convenience of Mr. Shockley has suggested. As the spring has advanced operations have been accelerated, so that now, as early as it is in the season, the work on the house proper is completed and the structure ready for occupancy—indeed, some of the carpets are already laid; and it is the intention of the family to be nicely ensconced in their new home before Saturday night of this week. So large and commodious a dwelling as the one under consideration deserves something more than a passing notice such as we have occasionally given it during the progress of the work upon it, as it will not only furnish the owner and his family a pleasant and convenient home, but it will add to the attractiveness of the city and thus enhance the value of every other man's property.

This house, which is embowered with large and beautiful shade trees, has an east and south front, the main entrance being on the south side where the front door opens into a capacious hall, in which there is a flight of winding stairs, the workmanship of which is rich and tasteful. In the southeast corner of the structure is a parlor of convenient size and due proportions, with windows opening both south and east. In the rear of this, and connected with it by folding doors, is a commodious sitting-room, with a large bay-window opening on the east. These two rooms are furnished with grates. In the rear of the sitting-room is a good-sized dining-room, with china closet and other conveniences. To the west of the dining-room, and directly in the rear of the front hall, is a large family bed-room, with a large closet. In the rear of this room is the kitchen, with its pantry, sink and other conveniences, with doors opening to other parts of the house, and connected with the yard in a most convenient manner. From this room a door opens to the cellar, which is gained by an easy flight of stairs, and another to a back stairway, leading to the second story. On the second floor there are four good sized sleeping-rooms, each one of which is supplied with a large closet, the chamber over the sitting-room having a beautiful bay-window corresponding to that in the room below. On this floor is also a bath-room, to which water, both warm and cold, is conducted through pipes leading from the rooms below, the water being forced through these pipes by an apparatus which is easily operated. The windows of the house are supplied with inside shutters, painted to correspond with the rest of the wood work. The walls and ceilings are of hard finish and without paper; the ceiling in the parlor having a delicately wrought centre-piece of stucco work. Every compartment of the house is supplied with gas pipe and fixtures, so arranged as to accomplish their purpose in the best possible manner. The fences, grounds and walks yet remain to be put in order, and they will be attended to in due time. When these are completed according to the plan in the proprietor's mind, the surroundings of this fine dwelling, like itself, will present a most attractive appearance.

We congratulate Mr. S upon the completion of so desirable a home, and we hope that the lives of himself and family may long be spared to enjoy it.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.—Eighty new books, including twenty fresh novels, a dozen excellent histories and a variety of juvenile books, are placed in the library to-day. The histories are particularly valuable, being Harpers' "Student's Series," abridgements of the large and cumbersome volumes of Gibbon, Hume, Rollin, Dr. Smith and others. Also twenty-four volumes of "Epochs of History," small, handy books of two and three hundred pages, treating of the most interesting periods of ancient and modern times. Also a large variety of fresh, entertaining and instructive sketches, essays, reviews, etc., from the pens of the best English and American authors.

LETTER FROM A JAIL-BIRD.—One of the men who was taken from our county jail last week, on a requisition from the governor of Indiana, has written a letter to Owen Roney, giving a little sketch of his trip to Indiana, and his condition there. He says that Ryan, one of the three taken from here, got away from the officer at Indianapolis, by stepping down from the car platform on the other side of the car from where the man having him in charge and the other two did. He says that on a preliminary examination at Rushville their bail was fixed at $700.—He expects to have his trial this month. He inquires after the boys that were in jail when he was here, and asks to be informed of the result of their trials. He says it is very lonesome there; from which it may be inferred that the jail at Rushville is not very heavily stocked with

From Wednesday's Daily.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Dedicatory Services.

The Young Men's Christian Association of this city has maintained a vigorous existence for something more than a year, and has realized since its organization a steady growth in membership. For a place to meet the Association has been obliged to depend upon the different churches of the city, and going from place to place being attended with considerable inconvenience, the members conceived the idea of renting a commodious room for their exclusive use, and fitting it up in a manner that would accommodate the meetings of the society. In pursuance of this idea rooms at 20 Merchant street, on the second floor, were secured, and as the work of fitting them up has been in progress, attention has been called to them in these columns. It was also thought proper that the rooms, when ready for occupancy, should be dedicated with appropriate services, and the evening of Tuesday, May 7th, was fixed upon for this purpose, and in accordance with this arrangement the dedicatory services were held last evening. Since the organization of the Association the christian women of the city have manifested a deep interest in its welfare, and their interest was shown last evening by the tasteful manner in which they decorated the room for the services. By their deft hands the rostrum and walls were beautifully decorated with floral offerings, which produced a fine effect.

At an early hour the rooms were crowded to their full capacity, and the exercises, which were of a deeply interesting character, commenced at 7½ o'clock, and were according to the following programme:

Music—(voluntary)—Choir.
Prayer—Mr. George Morehouse.
Music—Choir.
Reading Scriptures—Mr. I. J. Davis
Report of Room Committee.
Address—President I. E. Brown.
Music—Choir.
Short Addresses.
Doxology.
Benediction—Rev. C. C. Bruner.

Among other donations to the society is a fine melodeon, by Mr. W. T. Wells, and a large desk Bible, from the Macon Co. Bible Society.

In behalf of the Association Mr. S. Overmire thanked the ladies for their kind services in decorating the rooms.

Among those who contributed mottoes were Mrs. D. H. Heilman, Mrs. M. Booth and Miss Mary Wise.

The young men are to be congratulated upon having secured such comfortable and attractive quarters, and all will wish them the largest success in their mission of doing good.

IN NEW QUARTERS.—Our reporter made his best bow to Mr. William Newell, the efficient superintendent of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, and his assistants, Mr. Chas. A. Newell and Will Alderson as they were setting things to rights in their new quarters. He was most cordially received by all hands, and invited inside the counter, where, upon ample tables, he was shown eight full sets of as handsome telegraphic instruments as he ever laid eyes upon. The boys have not yet quite got the "hang of the new school house," but will soon get matters arranged so as to feel perfectly at home. The new office has a fine south view looking down Merchant street, and overlooking the south part of the city—indeed it would be difficult to select a pleasanter room in the city than this, and the company and its gentlemanly employes here are to be congratulated upon the agreeable change that has been effected in their place of business.

Ashby's Spring Recipe for Pleasant Dreams!

Just think of sleeping every night
On feathers filled with dust!
If they don't breed diseases now
Eventually they must.

Then bring your feathers round to me
Good common sense this seems;
I'll steam and cleanse them thoroughly,
And then you'll have sweet dreams

It must be good, for everybody recommends it, and doctors prescribe it. We mean Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup, the great cough remedy. Sold by all druggists. [May 8-d&w1w

FIRE AT MACON.—We learn from Macon that the barn of Mr. J. J. Swatz, of that place, was burned yesterday morning about 2 o'clock. Two horses and a buggy which were in the barn at the time were badly burned before they could be got out. [In trying to get the horses and buggy from the stable Mr. Swatz was badly burned on the face and hands, but we do not understand that his injuries are dangerous. The loss is estimated at $500, and our informant says the property was insured, but does not give the amount. It is thought that the fire was set by an incendiary.

To Bee-keepers.—The six Italian queens received last Saturday are all gone. Another invoice in a few days. Price, $1.50.
E. A. GASTMAN,
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Children's Spring Shoes, at Barte

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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1878.

STATE PRINTER EXPERT MAGIE has actually begun suit against the Springfield *Register* for $25,000.

MR. BURCHARD does not think the bill reviving the income tax will become a law. Neither does he believe that the tax on tobacco will be reduced this session.

SENATOR DAVIS, of Illinois, spoke against the bill to repeal the bankrupt law, and told the Senate that the repeal of the law would be a great mistake, as well as a great wrong.

THE Gilbert Elevated Railway in New York is finished, and reported to be an entire success. The initial trip over the road was made yesterday, amid great enthusiasm of the people along the line. The time from Trinity Church to Central Park was twenty minutes.

GENERAL POPE does not oppose the opening up of Fitz John Porter's case. He remarks, at the close of a personal letter to a friend: "And now that the investigation has been ordered, it will be a question of grave importance to learn whether the court-martial or General Porter is to be under trial."

A MYSTERIOUS disease has appeared among hogs in McLean and Ford counties. At Hudson some twenty-five have died, and near Paxton nearly two hundred. The disease is very rapid. Many hogs apparently well at night, are found dead the next morning. Post mortems show that the brain is affected.

GOV. NICHOLLS has officially promulgated the Moffett bell punch law as enacted in Louisiana. It puts a quarter of a cent tax on every drink, and it is thought will yield a revenue of $300,000 annually. The saloon keepers are swearing vengeance against the Democratic party, but will bravely get over their mad fit before election—for a saloon keeper must be a Democrat. It comes so natural to him.

THIS is ominous. The Vicksburg *Herald* (Democrat), in referring to the opposition of Northern Democrats to Southern Democratic measures, says Northern Democrats seem to think they have a bill of sale of the whole South, and act accordingly, and adds: "We are growing weary of this. We are beginning to ask ourselves what would be the effect if five or six Southern states should take it into their heads to cast their presidential electoral votes in 1880 where they would do the most good."

JAMES K. MAGIE, editor of the Canton *Register*, chief owner and manager of the "Gnashional" party and "printer expert" to the state government, has concluded, it is said, to sue the *State Register* (Gov. Palmer's paper) for $25,000 worth of slander. If James goes into that sort of business he will be liable to come out of it with a good deal less character than he supposed himself possessed of in the outset. Slander suits are about the most unprofitable commodity of which we have any knowledge.

FROM Baltimore we have the account of a genuine case of leprosy. The patient is a native of New York, but lived for many years in Cuba. His condition is thus spoken of:

His hands and feet are covered with scaly ulcers, and his face is breaking out with large tuberculous sores, giving him a shocking appearance. The surgeons did not regard the disease as contagious or infectious. The man is lying in a ward occupied by other patients. He is in the second stage of the disease; says he does not suffer any pain, is cheerful, and converses freely.

The prognosis of the physicians of the hospital is that the disease is incurable, and the man must die a slow death. He enjoyed excellent health up to the time of attack. The United States must not expect to long escape this terrible scourge, which from the days of Moses has been the terror of Eastern countries.

THE Quincy *Whig* thinks that Governor Cullom instead of erring in granting too many pardons, is too careful, and is rather inclined to err on the other side. There is no doubt that Gov. Cullom has made a much better record in this respect than his predecessor, but there is a great deal more danger of granting too many than too few pardons. As a general rule when a man is convicted of a crime and sentenced to the penitentiary for only one year the punishment is light enough. Courts and juries as a general rule are not disposed to be vindictive, and ten men escape deserved punishment where one get more than he deserves. Gov. Cullom is right in exercising a good deal of caution in the use of the pardoning power.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Republican State Central Committee met in Chicago yesterday, and decided to hold the state convention at Springfield on Wednesday, June 26th. The meeting was attended by a large number of prominent Republicans from all portions of the state, in addition to the members of the committee, and a full interchange of opinion was had as to the condition of political affairs in the several districts. It is doubtful whether any previous meeting of the committee has been attended by so large a number of outsiders, and the reports given from the localities represented were of the most cheering character.—One very noticeable feature of the speeches made by those in attendance was the opposition displayed towards anything that savored of a coalition with the Nationals. Among the others was one by Hon. Lucius Crooker, of LaSalle, who said that the Democrats and the Greenbackers had been for a long time living in open adultery. They had begotten a number of disgraceful, illegitimate children, and now the Democratic old man, true to his nature, had at last kicked the Greenback old lady out of the house, and claimed all the furniture. Now, it behooved the Republican party to protract this state of domestic anarchy, and nominate a straight, positive, aggressive ticket over which there would be no dissension.

There was a considerable feeling in favor of holding the convention in Chicago, but it was finally decided to hold it at Springfield. The general sentiment was one of hopefulness, and a belief that the canvass would result in an old-fashioned Republican victory.

GEN. ALLEN C. FULLER, of Belvidere, who has been mentioned as a probable candidate for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer, writes to the Chicago *Journal* to say that the report of his candidacy is all a mistake —that he has not been, is not and shall not be a candidate for treasurer, and that no one has been authorized to use his name in that connection.

HALT!

Thinking people, after reading the utterances of Kimball through the *Sun* this week, advising summary vengeance against seven of our city Aldermen, will be disposed to call a "halt." He demands, because they are not disposed to acquiesce in the policy of the mayor (not on matters of license) that patronage in a business way be withdrawn from them; that they be not recognized in society: that "anathema marenatha" be written on their brows; that they be cast off forever. Can it be that the temperance people will permit the cause they represent to be responsible for such IN-temperate, intolerant utterances? Can it be that the business men of our city will countenance such advice? They cannot tell when the same principle will be applied to them individually. Halt! Consider the effect of these wild mouthings upon the public interest and our future. No man can truthfully say of members of our city council that they are base, bad men. They differ on questions of public policy, honestly, we hope, and this spirit of intolerance toward those of different opinions should never be countenanced. No cause will profit by it. Halt!—*Review.*

HOW THEY WILL LIGHT CHICAGO.

Chicago Times.

Another experiment was made last evening with the electro-magnetic light at the water works. The rooms were first lighted up and a very satisfactory flame was produced. The light flickered at times, but the steadiness of the flame was in marked contrast with that of the preceding evening. Every nook and corner of the large room was illuminated, and the gas jets showed up about as good a light as a tallow candle by the side of the sun. The electric light was next thrown over the city from the top of the tall tower, with which wires from the generator in the engine room are connected, and a very good steady light was produced. The light was quite brilliant at the Grand Pacific Hotel, a distance of over a mile, and newspapers could be easily read by it there. In the experiment of the evening previous, the reflector was turned to the crib, and although the distance was two miles, the keeper of that solitary abode was enabled to amuse himself by its light. Two lamps have been placed in the water works, and the intention is to use the light altogether as soon as some trifling obstacles have been overcome. The light can be produced at a cost of about a cent an hour, and when once in use, a great saving in the shape of gas bills will be effected. The experiments will be continued until a steady flame has been secured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—The public debt statement for April shows a decrease for the month of $3,015,865, and the following balances in the treasury: Currency, $1,153,140; special fund for the redemption of fractional currency, $10,000,000; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $28,315,000; coin, $156,037,236, including coin and silver certificates, $55,044,590; outstanding legal tenders, $346,681,016.

THE IMPENDING CONFLICT.

Peoria Transcript.

It is impossible for any citizen to shut his eyes to the fact that there is in this country a rapidly growing socialistic and communistic spirit, which if it continues to grow in the future as it has in the past, will result in conflicts between the members of socialistic organizations and the constituted authorities of the state. What the purpose of these organizations is as set forth by their own leaders is to have a division of property. One of them stated to a reporter of the Chicago *Tribune* the other day, as an illustration of what they wanted, that Field & Leiter ought to resign their vast business into the hands of the people and receive from it the same stipend as the rest of the community, so much and no more; the same rule to be applied to every other accumulation of property in the country. As a preliminary step to this division of property, this man thought that there ought to be "a recovery of the public lands from the railroads and the speculators, and the transfer of all the monopolies into the hands of the government, whereby they will become the property of the people." After the first division was made, it would hardly be a week before, by industry and energy, some men would get a larger amount of property than others, and then the socialistic idea would be to have another divide, and so on indefinitely.

Were it not that such ideas as this are growing in this country, and then the men who hold them are growing bolder and bolder in their utterances, there would be no cause for fear. But the fact is that they have become so bold that they actually declare that if they cannot carry their points by the ballot they will by the bullet. The man to whom we have referred above admitted that there would be considerable objection to the "co-operative" idea, as he called it, being carried into effect, but declared that force could and would be used if necessary for the purpose. The leaders of this movement are wise enough to know that preliminary work is necessary to the success of their plans, so in all the larger cities socialistic clubs are being formed, arms are being purchased and the men are being drilled in their use. In Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis there are societies of this character.—They say that they have no intention of interfering with the police, but that if the police interfere with them they shall retaliate. They excuse their carrying of arms on the ground that there is a state militia whose members are engaged in perfecting themselves in the use of arms. They do not pretend, however, that they are state militia or military companies in any sense. They do not drill for amusement or exercise, or to the end that they may be able to assist in maintaining the public peace. Nothing of that kind. They are drilling, according to their own accounts, so that they may be prepared to resist any interference.—Why, if the designs are just, and lawful, should they expect interference? They have a sworn organization of fifty or sixty thousand men, when two years ago they had but five thousand. The outbreaks of last summer were, it is believed, largely the work of this class of men. Their attempts then failed, but an immense amount of property and many lives were sacrificed. How soon another outbreak may occur nobody can tell. Pretexts for it will not be wanting, and there are turbulent spirits everywhere who, though not members of the organization, would be ready enough to join it in its attacks upon the existing order of things. The duty of the public authorities in this matter is plain. While the right of all citizens peaceably to assemble should not be interfered with, while the right to carry arms should be respected, there ought to be a vigilant care to detect and suppress the first movement which looks towards riot or mob violence. Anything of that sort, if taken in its inception, could be crushed without difficulty, but if allowed to spread and develop, would doubtless become a force which would require the exercise of a great power to put down. Of course the evil is not so great in the country as it is in the great cities, but any movement which begins in the latter is sure to spread to the former. The thing that affects the one also affects the other. Therefore it is that the whole country is watching with interest the developments which are being made, and are waiting anxiously to know how this latest and greatest of dangers is met by the public authorities in the cities where it has established.

THE man who has been going about making himself and his friends miserable by lugubriously announcing that "the Republican party is dead," would have found ample proof of his mistake had he been present at the conference of the leading Republicans of the state in this city yesterday. There is nothing surer in this world than that the Republican party in Illinois is full of vigorous vitality, and bound to maintain its ascendency. It is too good a party to die, too strong to be killed, and too necessary for the country to be dispensed with. The campaign of 1878 will so demonstrate.—*Chicago Journal.*

WAY TO DO IT.—One of the young ladies who recently visited Washington from the country, wrote home as follows:

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William H. Williamson, *Dec'd.*

Thomas S. Williamson, administrator of the estate of William H. Williamson, deceased, vs. Eliza Williamson, Eleazar Williamson, James A. Williamson, Samuel A. Williamson, Milton E. Williamson, Elizabeth Williamson, Nancy T. Williamson, Angeline A. Williamson, John A. Williamson, Joseph C. Williamson, Mary J. Holman, Martin Saylor, Mary Alice Saylor, Bertha Saylor, Nathan Saylor, Daniel Saylor, Eva Saylor and Rosa Saylor.—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1878, a petition in the above entitled cause was filed in the county court of said Macon county for an order to sell the following described real estate situate in said Macon county, Illinois, to-wit: The undivided half of the north half of the southeast quarter of section eight (8), township eighteen (18) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, to pay debts of said William H. Williamson, deceased; that summons has been issued therein, returnable to the February term, A. D. 1878, of said court, and returned served as to said John A. Williamson, and not found as to all the other defendants; that affidavit of the non-residence of all said defendants, excepting said John A. Williamson, has been filed in said cause, and said cause continued by the court for publication of notice against said non-resident defendants, as provided by law. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to said defendants that said cause will be continued for publication from term to term until the June term of said court, to be holden at the court-house in Decatur, in said Macon county, on the third Monday of June, A. D. 1878, and unless said defendants, and each of them, shall appear at the said June term of said court on the first day thereof and answer said petition or show cause why the prayer thereof should not be allowed, an order pro confesso will be entered against defendants not answering, and said cause set for hearing [illegible]

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MANY Republican papers favor the suggestion of the Washington *Republican*, to the effect that, as the Democrats are aiming to make campaign frauds an issue, the President should call for a commission of investigation, and let the whole question of election frauds in the Southern states come to the front.—Touching upon this phase of the question, the Cincinnati *Times* says: "We must, perforce, accept the gage of the Democrats, and give them more of the tournament than they want. Since they insist upon it, we will fight the campaign on the fraud basis, and expose their procedure from the Eph Holland business in Cincinnati and the purchase of Cronin in Oregon, to the murder of negroes, and the torturing of Republicans in the South."

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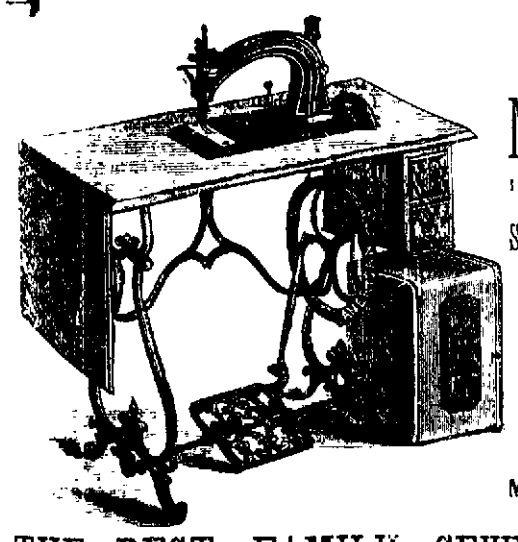

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OLD SOUPRAMANY.

St. Nicholas.

In the autumn of 1876 I was living in the interior of Bengal, and I went to spend Christmas with my friend Maj Daly. The Major's bungalow was on the banks of the Ganges, near Cawnpore. He had lived there a good many years, being Chief of the Quartermaster's Department at that station, and had a great many natives, elephants, bullock carts, and soldiers under his command.

On the morning after my arrival, after a cup of early tea (often taken before daylight in India), I sat smoking with my friend in the veranda of his bungalow, looking out upon the windings of the sacred river. And, directly, I asked the Major about his children (a boy and a girl), whom I had not yet seen, and begged to know when I should see them.

"Soupramany has taken them out fishing," said their father.

"Why, isn't Soupramany your great war elephant?" I cried.

"Exactly so. You cannot have forgotten Soupramany!"

"Of course not. I was here, you know, when he had that fight with the elephant who went mad while loading a transport with bags of rice down yonder. I saw the mad elephant when he suddenly began to fling the rice into the river. His 'mahout' tried to stop him, and he killed the mahout. The native sailors ran away to hide themselves, and the mad elephant, trumpeting, charged into this inclosure. Old Soupramany was here, and so were Jim and Bessie. When he saw the mad animal he threw himself between him and the children. The little ones and their nurses had just time to get into the house when the fight commenced."

"Yes," said the Major, "Old Soup was 100 years old. He had been trained to war, and to fight with the rhinoceros, but he was too old to hunt then."

"And yet," said I, becoming animated by the recollections of that day, "what a gallant fight it was. Do you remember how we all stood on this porch and watched it, not daring to fire a shot lest we should hit old Soupramany? Do you remember, too, his look when he drew off, after fighting an hour and a half, leaving his adversary dying in the dust, and walked straight to the 'corral,' shaking his great ears, which had been badly torn, with his head bruised, and a great piece broken from one of his tusks?"

"Yes, indeed," said the Major. "Well, since then he is more devoted to my dear little ones than ever. He takes them out whole days, and I am perfectly content to have them under his charge. I don't like trusting Christian children to the care of natives; but with old Soup I know they can come to no harm."

"What! you trust children under 10 years of age to Soup, without any other protection?"

"I do," replied the Major. "Come alongwith me, if you doubt, and we will surprise them at their fishing."

I followed Maj. Daly, and, after walking half a mile along the wooded banks of the river, we came upon the little group. The two children—Jim, the elder, being about 10—both sat still and silent, for a wonder, each holding a rod, with line, cork, hook, and bait, anxiously watching the gay corks bobbing in the water. Beside them stood Old Soup with an extremely large bamboo rod in his trunk, with line, hook, bait and cork, like the children's. I need not say I took small notice of the children, but turned all my attention to their big companion. I had not watched him long before he had a bite, for, as the religion of the Hindoos forbids them to take life, the river swarms with fishes.

The old fellow did not stir; his little eyes watched his line eagerly; he was no novice in "the gentle craft." He was waiting till it was time to draw in his prize.

At the end of his line as he drew it up, was dangling one of those golden tench so abundant in the Ganges.

When Soupramany perceived what a fine fish he had caught, he uttered one of those long, low, gurgling notes of satisfaction by which an elephant expresses joy, and he waited patiently, expecting Jim to take his prize off the hook and put on some more bait for him. But Jim, the little rascal, sometimes liked to plague Old Soup. He nodded at us, as much as to say, "Look out and you'll see fun now!" Then he took off the fish, which he threw into a water-jar placed there for the purpose, and went back to his place without putting any bait on Old Soup's hook. The intelligent animal did not attempt to throw his line into the water. He tried to move Jim by low, pleading cries. It was curious to see what tender tones he seemed to try to give his voice.

Seeing that Jim paid no attention to his calls, but sat and laughed as he handled his own line, Old Soup went up to him, and with his trunk tried to turn his head in the direction of the bait-box. At last, when he found that all he could do would not induce his wilful friend to help him, he turned round as if struck by a sudden thought, and, snatching up in his trunk the box that held the bait, came and laid it down at the Major's feet; then picking up his rod, he held it out to his master.

"What do you want me to do with this, Old Soup?" said the Major.

The creature lifted one great foot after the other, and again began to utter his plaintive cry. Out of mischief, I took Jimmy's part, and, picking up the bait-box, pretended to run with it. The elephant was not going to be teased by me. He dipped his trunk into the Ganges, and in an instant squirted a stream of water over me with all the force and precision of a fire-engine, to the immense amusement of the children.

The Major at once made Soup a sign to stop, and, to make my peace with the fine old fellow, I baited his hook myself. Quivering with joy, as a baby does when it gets hold at last of a plaything some one has taken from it, Old Soupramany hardly paused to thank me by a soft note of joy for baiting his line for him, before he went back to his place, and was again watching his cork as it trembled in the ripples of the river.

ELEPHANT AND WHALE.

Should England and Russia engage in war it is not probable that there would be any great conflicts, either on land or sea, owing to the location of the two countries and the difficulty of getting at each other. Prince Bismarck is said to have described the situation pithily by declaring, "the elephant cannot fight the whale." Russia may be said to be as supreme on land as England is on the water; but Russia's army cannot fight England's navy. On the one hand England is securely protected from invasion by her location and her great fleet, while Russia is, on the other hand, able to utterly overwhelm the largest force England's fleets could land on her shores. In the Crimean war the English, French and Turks had Turkey as a base of operations against Russia, and even then their armies did not invade farther than the Crimean peninsula. But at the present time Russia holds Turkey in a firm grasp, hence that country is not available as a base of operations; besides which the Czar can now, at a day's notice, hermetically seal the straits against the passage of hostile fleets. There remains the Baltic sea, as an avenue of approach to Russian shores, but in the event of war the power of Europe would be brought to bear to close that sheet of water to both belligerents, for protection of neutral interests. Should that not be done the perfected torpedo system would protect Russian ports against any hostile fleets. On the sea, of course, England would be virtually supreme; still, as her fleets could not be everywhere at once, her commerce would suffer greatly from Russian men-of-war and privateers. As regards great encounters between the armies of the two countries that would be impossible in Europe, without an Austrain alliance with England, as they could not come together without making a battle ground of neutral territory. It is probable, therefore, that India would be the objective battle ground between the two countries, but there are few military men who believe that Russia could make a successful invasion of that region. The vast distances to be traversed, and the great topographical difficulties to be encountered, would prevent an invasion by a force adequate to effect a conquest. Nothing but a native rebellion would make a Russian invasion of India of any avail. It is likely, therefore, that in case of a declaration of war, the respective belligerents would growl at each other from their respective impregnable positions and hurl thundering defiance. There would doubtless be a series of insignificant encounters, but no great battles, military or naval. Each would spend a mint of money, commerce would suffer fearfully but loss of life would be a minimum.

The Pennsylvania Statues.

Philadelphia Press.

After careful study of the whole ground, the Statuary Commission selected Gen. Peter Muhlenberg and Robert Fulton as the subjects for the Pennsylvania statues to be placed in the old Hall of Representatives at Washington. This is a recognition of the Scotch-Irish and German element in the historic development of Pennsylvania, and an equal division of the marble honors between them.

A Big Bed-Bug.

A few weeks ago a man from Boston arrived on the Comstock to inspect its novelties. Whatever he saw, however, did not astonish him in the least. Nothing could be shown him that he would not gravely remark upon, saying: "Boston has one just like it, only bigger." Last evening he was passing the International hotel on B street, just at dusk, when a cap of the chimney was blown down by the wind. The cap was a circular piece of sheet iron, painted black, and slightly convex. The four supports which connected it with the chimney were like legs, which held it a few inches from the ground. As it fell it struck just in front of him, rebounded a few times in the air, and then, blown by the wind, went skimming along the walk like a living thing.

"What's that?" the Boston man asked, somewhat astonished.

"A bed-bug from the hotel," replied a wag, "just coming down for a little exercise."

"By George!" exclaimed the stranger, "I never saw anything like that in my life"—and then, recollecting his home in Boston, added—"outside of Boston."—*Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle.*

Just Received, at Mrs. L. W. Hurd's, all the latest novelties in millinery. First quality Germantown yarns, 20 cents per skein, Bergman Zephyrs, 15 cents per ounce; also, all shades in crewel. A full assortment of all varieties of fancy goods for ladies, at the very lowest prices.

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CIRCUIT court opens Monday, May 13th.

A GREAT DISASTER.

Explosion of the Great Washburn Mill at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., May 2.—At 7 o'clock this evening the city was shaken as by an earthquake by a terrific explosion, which was promptly traced to the groups of great flouring mills, in what is known as the platform just above St. Anthony's Falls, where the entire flouring district of the city is concentrated. The explosion came from the great Washburn Mill, from which a column of flame was seen to shoot up several hundred feet, followed by a crash which crushed the immense structure like an egg-shell. Secondary explosions instantly destroyed the Thompson & Hoyt and the Humboldt Mills, and the flames immediately burst out and communicated to the Galaxy Mills, those of Pettit, Robinson & Co., Cahill, Aukeny & Co., L. Day & Sons, Day and Rollins, Buell, Newton & Co., Garton, Hayward & Co., and the Washburn A. and B. Mills and lesser structures down the bank of the river nearly to the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad shop. Destruction from the shock of the explosion extended much farther, glass being wrecked for several squares and buildings shaken throughout the city. At 8:30 the fire was raging within these limits, and firemen working valiantly to subdue the flames. The immediate theory of the explosion is that it took place in gas generated in the patent middling purifier process. The loss of life is undoubtedly great, but full details are lacking, in the confusion that surrounds the scene.—The first rumors made the dead seventy to eighty, but this is not borne out by inquiry. The explosion took place at the hour of changing the day for the night hands, and many of both were undoubtedly in the building. Twenty-two men went on in the Washburn Mill at 6:30, none of whom have been heard from up to 8:30. Many others of the day force must have been in the building.

Later information confirms the opinion that the first estimates of the loss of life were exaggerated. The number of dead is now placed at seventeen.—There were many thrilling incidents and narrow escapes. Daniel Day was blown the whole length of the Pettit & Robinson mill and through a window and escaped. One poor fellow, who could not be recognized, had escaped alive from the explosion, and was observed crawling through the darting, hungry flames toward the track of the Minneapolis and St Louis Road, directly in rear of the Washburn Mill. He managed to reach the rail, and there evidently became exhausted and fell back into the raging hell behind, where his agonies instantly ended. It now appears that most of the day force had gone home, and only the smaller night force remained. The loss to the property is enormous, but the confusion is too great for an intelligent estimate at present, though calculation places it at $1,500,000, of which $1,000,000 will fall upon the milling interest. The loss throughout the city by breaking of glass, etc, is $10,000. Five mills and a planing mill were destroyed, besides adjoining property, including 87 out of the 197 runs of stone in the city.

The five flouring mills which were involved in the disaster form a group which comprises the heaviest concerns in the State. Chief among them were the two Washburn Mills, the property of ex-Gov. C. C. Washburn, of Wisconsin, of which the one in which the explosion occurred was the largest flouring mill in the country, and the largest but one in the world. It was built in 1870, included 11 run of stone, and was worth $200,000. It is now a smoking mass of ruins, with its companions on the platform.

The destruction is complete so far as the limits above named, and serious within much wider bounds. The flames are still raging in the ruins, but are now under control, and no further extension is feared. It is hoped the dead will be confined to the seventeen mentioned as in the Washburn mill.

The *Pioneer-Press* will publish the following in the morning as the total insurance stated by the companies represented in the several mills destroyed.

Humbolt, Ball, Newton & Co.	$44,500
Pettit & Robinson	98,000
Galaxy W. Ankey	75,000
Washburn Mill, A.	217,000

The following is a list of the mills destroyed, with the number of runs of stone in each: Wabash A., 12 run; Galaxy, 12 run; Hennepin or Diamond, 6 run; Pettit, Robinson & Co., 15 run. Total, 87.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. May 3.—Not until after midnight did the immense crowd of citizens which had assembled immediately after the terrific explosion commence to disperse, and though the progress of the flames had been stayed there was little realization of the extent of the calamity. Wives, mothers, sisters and children who were dependent upon the labor of the dear ones laying dead in the ruins, were running despairingly about the ruins, wringing their hands and shrieking the names of their friends. The scene was peculiarly heartrending, and such as few people care to witness more than once. The firemen remained at their posts all night pouring floods of water upon the smoking ruins, and have worked without intercession for the past twenty-four hours throughout the ruined district.—Scarcely one stone stands upon another in the big Washburn mill, and the chaotic pile of limestone is interwoven with shafts and broken machinery.

The destruction of the Humboldt and Diamond mills is even more complete. The fire-seared walls of the Pettit, Zenith and Galaxy mills stand stark and burned clear of their contents; the north wall of the Pettit mill is cracked and seared, and far from plumb; it is liable to fall. The intense heat which prevailed will necessitate the rebuilding of every part of these mills. The platform which covers the canal between the ruins of the Washburn A. mills and the sluice walls is torn and covered with debris. There is no vestige of the big elevator except a huge pile of smouldering wheat. The machine shop of A. R. Guilder, a frame structure, just above the Washburn mill, was flattened as if of pasteboard. All the mills on the platform were badly shaken by the shock, almost every light of glass being taken out of the Morrison, Crocker, Fisk & Co.'s and Pillsbury's mills, and the mills above Sixth avenue, south. The Palisade mill of L. Day & Son is the least injured of all the flouring mills. The shock did not damage the woolen mill beyond tearing glass and sashes from the windows everywhere in town. As evidence of the terrific force of the explosion, to which so many can testify, in Segulbaum's blocks, eight squares removed from the Washburn, two large plate glass windows were utterly destroyed. All down Washington avenue on both sides there is shattered glass in almost every store front. The plate glass windows in the Morrison Centennial block were broken. The lumber yard of Pettit & Robinson was swept out of existence by the fire. The work of mining the ruins has already commenced.

The loss may be approximately stated at $1,000,000, and the insurance at $580,000. That these figures will be increased rather than diminished is the opinion of those best acquainted with nature and value of the property destroyed. Comparatively little of the property destroyed was wholly without insurance, although much of it was insured for far less than cost. H. S. Butler, who had a blacksmith and machine shop next the Galaxy mill, suffers a loss of $4,000, upon which there was no insurance. The mill company's elevator cost about $60,000, and was insured for $28,000. The Eldred planing mill, owned by Hon. W. D. Washburn, cost $75,000, and was insured for $42,000.

The loss of wheat in the elevator was $30,000, but it is impossible to give an accurate or even approximate list of individual losses, as the owners of the property destroyed are unable this early to give any satisfactory information in reference thereto. The mills not destroyed are running to-day as usual.

The burned mills will be rebuilt without delay. The city council held a meeting this afternoon, and resolved to take charge of the bodies which have been taken from the ruins. The inquest will probably be delayed until the rest are recovered. The bodies recovered are burned beyond possible chance of recognition.

Later inquiry confirms the first theory that the cause of the explosion was the ignition of inflammable mill dust floating in the air, and the consequent generation of and explosion of inflammable gasses. Reports of eye-witnesses as to the power and suddenness of the explosion are almost incredible. An instant after the first flash and explosion, and all the buildings were wrapped in flames, showing the air all around to be full of inflammable gas.

Deathly Wall Paper.

When the parent went into the parlor to look for his newspaper he came suddenly upon his daughter and her young man with their faces so tightly glued to each other that they didn't notice his entry.

"Ahem!" he observed.

The twain started and came to the light with faces that bore every appearance of having been just drawn out of a furnace.

"Anything the matter?" grimly asked the old gentleman.

"I think we must have fainted," said she in a whisper.

"Humph! What made you faint?" he inquired suspiciously.

This was such a poser that she sank back exhausted, leaving her companion to carry them safely forth. With an awful wrench at his faculties he gulped out

"I think there must be poison in the wall-paper."

The old gentleman collapsed.

THE statement is made that all of Mr. Edison's electrical or magnetic inventions become, by agreement, the property of the Western Union Telegraph Company. By the terms of the agreement, Mr. Edison was to be paid for his inventions such extra sums as might be agreed upon between him and the company, and, if a mutual agreement could not be arrived at, this sum was to be fixed by arbitrators. Mr. Edison and the company have succeeded in agreeing upon the amount to be paid to him for his telephone, and it only remains for the contract to be formally executed. The payment to Mr. Edison is in the form of annuity, to be continued indefinitely. The Western Union Company is about to place telephones in the four thousand towns over which their wires now pass, but which have no offices. By the aid of a telephone placed in the postoffice or hotel, every man can send his own message. The telegraph for the private lines is in the hands of the Gold and Stock Company.

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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The Republican voters of the Fourteenth Congressional District, embracing the counties of Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Macon, Platt and Vermillion, are requested to appoint delegates to attend a convention of said district, to be held at Champaign city, Illinois, on

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at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative in Congress for said district, to be voted for at the election to be held in November next, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said convention. The basis of representation will be as follows: one delegate for every 400 and fraction of 200 votes cast for Republican presidential electors in 1876, which will entitle the respective counties in the said fourteenth congressional district to the following number of delegates, to-wit:

Champaign	11	Macon	8
Coles	7	Platt	5
Douglas	4	Vermillion	11

GEO. SCROGGS, Chairman.

H. W. MAGEE, Sec'y.

THE report that Gen. John C. Fremont and family were so reduced in circumstances that they were actually suffering for the necessaries of life, is denied by friends of the family. It is acknowledged, however, that Gen. Fremont has become very poor, and it is a fact that his fine library was sold by the sheriff a short time ago, to satisfy a debt. It is sad to think that a man who was once thought to be a millionaire should become so reduced as to be in need. Gen. Fremont deserves well of his country. He has performed public services of incalculable value, and in his old age, when misfortune has overtaken him, a grateful country should not permit him to suffer.

ONE of the most ridiculous exhibitions on record occurred in Congress on Thursday evening, when a session of the House was ordered for debate on the Tariff bill. Representative Wright, of Pennsylvania, had the floor and read a long and elaborate speech from printed slips. During the reading, at times, there was not another member in the hall, the audience comprising, at most, two or three boy-pages, and at one point one page. Wright is the Democratic aspirant for the Governorship of Pennsylvania. The cost to the Government for gas (carbonic, not his own,) to light the hall during the performance is estimated at $280 an hour.

THERE are thirteen Congressional Districts in the South in which, at the election of members of the House for the Forty-third Congress, the Republican majority was over 2,000, but which are now represented by Democrats. The Republican Congressional Committee proposes to make an effort to find out what has become of all these Republican majorities. The supposition is that it only needs reorganization of the party, and the assurance that the negroes shall be allowed to vote as they please to redeem those Districts and secure Republican Congressmen.

CERTAIN leaders of the so-called "National party" are adopting the cowardly sneaking, dark-lantern policy of the old Know-Nothing organization. In order more completely to carry out their personal office-seeking schemes, as they fondly imagine, they are going about organizing secret, oath-bound lodges.—Any class of politicians who find it necessary to resort to this sort of clap-trap to carry out their schemes, subject themselves at once to grave suspicion. No good American citizen of good sense will, in this advanced age of the world, consent to become the dupe of conspirators in the dark, who use solemn oaths and secret pledges to bind their followers to their car of Juggernaut. American politics, to be worthy of respect, must be open and above board. Secret, oath-bound political workers are either ashamed or afraid of the light of day. Beware of them.

OUR Government is in receipt of information, through a number of official channels, military and civil, that a strong movement has been inaugurated by the friends of Lerdo, the deposed President of Mexico, on this side of the Rio Grande, to cross the river into Mexico and give the present Diaz Administration trouble. The opinion in official circles at Washington is that there will be considerable trouble in Mexico, and particularly along the border. It is believed that the followers of Lerdo are instigating Indian raids into United States territory, for the purpose of having the American troops pursue the Indians across the river, and thus produce additional complications with the Mexican Government. The Secretary of War has issued an order to General Ord, in command on the Rio Grande, instructing him to be particularly vigilant in his endeavors to prevent any invasion of Mexican territory with hostile intent from the American side of the river. Civil officers on the border are also to be enjoined to prevent any violations of the neutrality laws.

DAYLIGHT DAWNING.

For a month past the city has been in a turmoil of excitement over the dead-lock which has existed between the mayor and a majority of the council. The most bitter feelings have been aroused, and simple differences of opinion have been magnified into insurmountable difficulties, which threatened to effectually prevent the accomplishment of any good through the ordinary channels of the city government during the municipal year. The situation was fast assuming the shape and form of a game of cross-purposes, in which one man was attempting to demonstrate that he was endowed with more official power than all his seven opponents. In the presence of this bitter fight it was only natural that the material interests of the city should be lost sight of, for it is a strange fact that when there is a scramble for office principles and good government and wholesome progress become matters of secondary importance.

It is gratifying to know that the prospects are good for a speedy ending of the dead-lock. The regular monthly meeting of the council last night cleared away a good deal of the rubbish, and it begins to look as though there would soon be no substantial ground of difference between the mayor and the council. The only officers concerning whom there is now any trouble are a couple of policemen: all the other appointments are out of the way. If, therefore, there is any further trouble about the appointive officers, the people will readily see that it is mere captiousness, and will not be long in determining where the blame lies.

These municipal conflicts seem to be epidemic this season, and no city is in the fashion unless it can boast of some kind of a struggle among its officers.—But, like a good many other fashions, this is an expensive and unprofitable one, which any community can well dispense with. Quiet, peace and harmony are absolute essentials to the growth and prosperity of any people, and the man who places himself in the way and endeavors to arrest the peaceful progress of a community by stirring up discord and strife is a public enemy, who ought to receive the condemnation of every good citizen.

A SOUTHERN CLAIM.

The people have been hearing a good deal of southern claims during the past few years, and there now seems no doubt that the question of their payment will enter largely into the present political campaign. The number of these claims is legion, and they amount in the aggregate to hundreds of millions of dollars. They cover all sorts of demands for damages arising through the war, from the burning of a court house to the robbing of a hen roost, and it is a singular fact that the claimants all profess to have been thoroughly loyal to the government during the whole period of the war. Where the confederacy managed to get all its soldiers, while so large a proportion of the people never wavered in their devotion to the old flag (if we are to believe their statements now) is "one of those things that no fellah can find out."

We have before us now a copy of a claim filed by Wm. Lenoir and B. B. Lenoir, of Loudon county, Tennessee, who state their claim to be for 6420 panels of fence, made of split rails 10 feet long, 9 rails to the panel, which, at 100 rails to the cord, and at $8 per cord, aggregates the sum of $1684.80. A portion of these rails, it is alleged, were burned by the commands of Gens. Burnside and Hazen, in the winter of 1863–4, and the remainder by the 63d Ill. Vol. Inf., in February and March, 1864.—The claim was sent here for the endorsement of Capt. Byron Barrett, of this city, who was an officer in the forces which burned the rails.

This claim is a fair sample of the demands which are to be made (and paid) when the Democratic party gets into power. The Republican party will go into the field pledged to guard the public treasury against the plunderers who thus seek compensation for the losses which were but the legitimate consequences of their own folly. The Democratic party, on the other hand, is but the creature of the element which breeds these claims. The votes which must bring the Democratic party into power—if it ever gets into power—belong in a large degree to these claimants and their friends, and the Democratic party cannot afford to alienate them. There is no safety for the country, in this regard as in all others, except in the continued ascendency of the Republican party.

COLLAPSE OF THE DETROIT SCANDAL

Cleveland Leader.

The reaction in public sentiment at Detroit over the McCoskry scandal is complete and overwhelming. It is now known that the letters upon which the charges against the venerable Bishop were based are of two classes, the real and the forged ones. The first class includes four, which are now in the safe of the First National Bank in that city. They are said by a correspondent who has seen them to be "letters such as any Christian gentleman, especially a clergyman, might write to a young female ward—letters of advice, counsel and instruction." The indecent letters on the other hand, are plainly the work of another hand. They bear no signature except a hieroglyphic cypher, and their language is coarse, misspelled and vulgar, as different as possible from the chaste, scholarly manuscript of the Bishop, as shown in the genuine letters. Another fact is of great weight as pointing out the real author of the scandal. McConnell, the printer who professes to have stolen the letters from Fannie Richards, while courting her, has a certain aptness in drawing. The forged letters are interlarded with indecent drawings in pen and pencil, just such sketches as McConnell has been frequently known to make, but which Bishop McCoskry could not make if he had tried to. All this, with the prompt and honestly indignant denial of Mrs. Banister and McCoskry, ought, it would seem, to constitute an impregnable case, without further examination or trial. The obvious fact is that a low-bred, foul-minded villain stole a few harmless letters from a girl whom he was courting, wrote some other ones and made up a prurient sensation for the dirty newspaper market. He offered his filth to the New York *Herald* and other papers, but could find no purchaser until he encountered the Chicago *Times*. How much that journal paid for this last privilege of making a fool of itself and spreading a reeking libel, no one, probably, except the parties to the bargain, knows or cares. The *Times* account made it appear that its correspondents, sent ostensibly from Chicago, had seen the letters on which the story was based. If they did so and are even men of average intelligence, they must have seen that the indecent forgeries—at least written in a different handwriting from the others. If they saw this they must have walked into the enterprise consciously and with open eyes. If not, there should be some means of teaching them and Mr. Storey better discretion. Here would seem to be a case in which to test the question whether a man or woman of blameless life has or has not any protection against the class of newspapers which deliberately and wantonly prey upon private character.

ANOTHER SPECIMEN OF DEMOCRACY.

The other day we called attention to several recent examples of modern democracy. Last Saturday Mr. Speaker Randall of the House of Representatives, furnished another by exercising his right to vote, and by making a tie, preventing an appropriation for the hire of clerks to examine the applications for pensions, so that the business of the pension office can be brought up to date. To understand the force of this vote it must be explained that at the present time, for want of adequate clerical force, the business of the pension office is five years behind time, and unexamined cases have accumulated to the number of 20,000. An amendment to the appropriation bill was offered on Saturday making an increase in the number of clerks in the surgeon general's office.—The vote on this amendment stood 115 to 114, all the republicans and Alexander H. Stephens and six other democrats voting for it, and the rest of the democrats against it. Mr. Speaker Randall then voted against it, making a tie, and thereby defeating the measure and leaving the poor pensioners to wait four or five years for an examination and disposition of their applications.—This is the second time Mr. Randall has caused a tie by his vote, the other occasion being in a Massachusetts contested election case, when he prevented a contesting republican from obtaining a seat held by a democrat. It is the speaker's right to adopt this practice, but it is said that Randall is the first to have done so, and the wounded soldiers and widows of soldiers who have to wait years for their pension papers to be examined, will remember that Randall is the man particularly responsible for the long and unnecessary delay.—There is no economy in Randall's course, for the work has to be done. The only question was whether it should be done in a short or a long time, and whether or not the old soldiers and their representatives should be promptly allowed the pensions which are due them.—*Peoria Transcript.*

FOR the first time in many years, gold silver and greenbacks are on an equality at the United States Treasury at Washington. The May interest on bonds is now being paid, and the creditor has his option as to which to take, and in a good many cases does take greenbacks. Silver dollars are paid out at par for legal tenders, and the greenbacks thus received, are used again in currency transactions.

Mothers, do not let your darlings suffer with the whooping cough. Use Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup, and little darling will soon find relief. Only 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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Market Gardening About Paris.

There are over 6,000 men, women and children engaged in growing early asparagus, lettuce, carrots and the like in and around Paris. The rent of the land varies from $180 to $250 per acre, according to situation and irrigation plant. These market gardens are of comparatively small dimensions, and vary from 1½ to 2½ acres in extent. Taking the smaller size, the plant necessary to carry on business costs nearly $2,000, including large and small bell glasses, straw mats, glazed lights, frames, tools, baskets, horse, cart and other necessary materials. The regular workmen, it is said, earn an average pay of about 40 cents a day, with board and lodging, all the year round. Extra men receive about 7 cents per hour, women 5 cents. Most of the men come from other sections, not so much for the sake of the wages, which are low for France, but in order to learn a business which they can turn to profitable account when they return to their homes after two or three years' service.—*Boston Cultivator.*

THE official programme book of the Cincinnati festival is already out, and is without exception the finest specimen of programme making that has yet appeared in the country. The book contains some general remarks upon the festival—a description of the new hall, lists of executive committee, subscribers to the guarantee fund, and the solo performers; short biographies of all the soloists, sketches of the composers, and descriptions of the larger works, specially prepared by musical critics and writers; the programmes, the names of all the members of the chorus and orchestra, and plats of the hall. The following figures will be interesting: The sopranos number 156; altos, 146; tenors, 109; basses, 163; total, 574. The orchestra numbers 107. The plat of the music hall shows 1,022 seats in the dress circle, 432 in the balcony, and 2,974 on the main floor; total, 4,428.

SENATOR DAVID DAVIS having been interviewed in regard to Blair's plan to unseat the president, expresses the opinion that if the case is ever brought before the supreme court it will hold that congress has already exercised its reserve power, under the constitution to settle the presidential difficulty, by the creation of the electoral commission. This is doubtless the common sense view of the case, but there is no danger that the question will ever come before the courts. The Blair scheme is already as dead as Julius Cæsar or any other defunct individual.

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SYMPTOMS OF A DISORDERED LIVER.

Dull Pain in the Side and Shoulder, loss of Appetite; Coated Tongue; Costive Bowels; Sick-headache; Drowsiness; Weight in the Stomach after eating, with Acidity and Belching up of Wind; Low Spirits; Loss of Energy; Unsociability; and forebodings of Evil.

IF THESE WARNINGS ARE NEGLECTED,

SOON FOLLOWS

DYSPEPSIA, BILIOUS FEVER, CHILLS, JAUNDICE, COLIC, NERVOUSNESS, PALPITATION OF THE HEART, NEURALGIA, KIDNEY DISEASE, CHRONIC DIARRHŒA, AND A GENERAL BREAKING DOWN OF THE SYSTEM.

HEED THE WARNING!

TAKE

TUTT'S PILLS.

The first dose produces an effect which often astonishes the sufferer, giving a cheerfulness of mind and buoyancy of body, to which he was before a stranger. They create an Appetite, Good Digestion, and

SOLID FLESH AND HARD MUSCLE.

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"I have used your PILLS for Dyspepsia, Weak Stomach and Nervousness, and can say I never had any thing to do me so much good in the way of medicine. They are as good as you represent them. I recommend them as the **Best Pill** in existence, and do all I can to acquaint others with their good merits."

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Which I will Sell for Cash Only,

At Lower Prices than ever offered before in this market. Call and examine my Goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere—call, and I will convince you that I mean what I say.

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Metallic Burial Cases and Caskets.

The best and most extensive assortment in the city. Hearses and Carriages furnished to order. Sunday and night calls promptly attended to. Special rates for country funerals.

SOUTH-WEST CORNER OLD SQUARE,

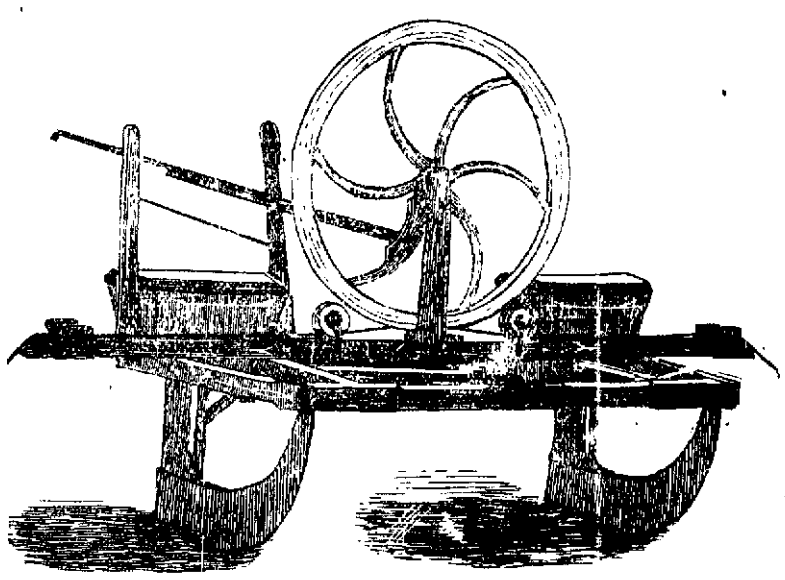
RESIDENCE: NO. 18 WEST WILLIAM ST. **DECATUR, ILL.**

April 8, 1878—d&w6w.

Simplicity, Durability and Economy Combined

—IN THE—

DECATUR ROTARY CHECK ROWER



It is run with a Smooth Rope, not liable to get out of order, and will fit any Planter.

A Testimonial Letter.

WARRENSBURG, ILL., May 6th, 1878.

Mr. J. L. Knieper, Decatur, Ill.:

DEAR SIR:—I herewith certify that I have this day tried the Decatur Rotary Check Rower bought of you, on the old style Climax Planter. On examining the ground, planted over I find the corn nicely check-rowed. Think the Rotary O. K. JOSIAH ALLEN.

☞ For machines apply to **J. L. KNIEPER, DECATUR, ILL.**

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon co., Illinois, May 8, 1878.

Bell Geo T	Minsen E
Boyd Frank (Col)	Pemberton Mrs E
Boseker Henry	Phillips J C
Cadwalader John	Ready C F
Daven Henry	Scott & Co
Elliott Mrs Kate	Slack Frank A
Gorton Daniel F	Shinel John
Gontersman Mrs S A	Smith D J
Henry F	Smiley J M O
Harter E H	Smith Mrs James V
Hill Geo M	Stewart John W
Higgins Mrs H	Starks Sylvester
Hiser John	Stewart William
Hanks Jack	Thompson H S
Imper Simon Dr	Washington George
Johnston Daniel A	Walker James
Lininger Mrs Mary	Wheeler Lewis Cass
Lee Miss Maggie	

R. P. LYTLE, P. M.

A WASHINGTON dispatch, referring to the publication of the "Blue Book," or the record of Federal offices, incumbents, salaries, etc., says that the compilation of office-holders, both in executive departments at Washington and in the foreign service, shows the following excess or deficiency over the proportion to which the states would be entitled if the quota were based upon population. Excess: Maine, 97; Connecticut, 22; Maryland, 149; Massachusetts, 68; New Hampshire, 44; New York, 143; Pennsylvania, 53; Virginia, 57. The states that are deficient are: Illinois, 159; Indiana, 113; Iowa, 59; Michigan, 43; Ohio, 57; Wisconsin, 45; and New Jersey, 6.

"ITCHING PILES."

"I WAS A GREAT SUFFERER from Itching Piles, the itching at times was almost intolerable, particularly at night, when undressing, or after getting warm in bed. I tried prescriptions almost innumerable without finding any permanent relief, until I used 'Swayne's All-healing Ointment,' which has made a perfect cure." Joseph W. Christ, (firm of Roedel & Christ) boot and shoe house, 344 North Second street, Philadelphia. Reader, if you are suffering with this distressing complaint, or any scaly, crusty skin disease, tetter, &c., use "Swayne's Ointment" and be cured. Fifty cents a box. Address letters to DR. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia. All leading druggists sell it. "Dr. Swayne's Medicines have a world-wide reputation." 1apr28d1yeod

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

—OF—

LORILLARD

Tobacco

The great celebrity of our **TIN TAG TOBACCO** has caused many imitations thereof to be placed on the market, we therefore caution all Chewers against purchasing such imitations.

All dealers buying or selling other plug tobacco bearing a lard or metallic label, render themselves liable to the penalty of the Law, and all persons violating our trade marks are punishable by fine and imprisonment. SEE ACT OF CONGRESS AUG. 14, 1876.

The genuine **LORILLARD TIN TAG TOBACCO** can be distinguished by a **TIN TAG** on each lump with the word **LORILLARD** stamped thereon.

Over **7,088** tons tobacco sold in 1877, and nearly **3000** persons employed in factories.

Taxes paid Government in **1877** about **$3,500,000**, and during past **12** years, over **$20,000,000.**

These goods sold by all jobbers at manufacturer's prices.

May 8—d&w3mos

The Tin Tag Smoking Tobacco is "second to none" in aroma, under-cut, purity and quality.

WHY THE HAIR FALLS OUT.

AND HOW TO RESTORE ITS STRENGTH AND COLOR.—Each hair is secreted by a little vesicle or gland, the latter being nourished by a small blood-vessel. As long as these blood-vessels furnish sufficient encouragement the hair will continue to grow; but if from disease or other cause they become torpid or obstructed, the hair will necessarily become dry and fall off. It is here the wonderful virtues of "London Hair-Color Restorer" are manifested, as its tonic properties excite these hair follicles to increased activity and completely restore the scalp to a healthy condition, and a fine growth of hair in its natural youthful color is sure to be the result. Apart from its tonic and coloring qualities, "London Hair-Color Restorer" is the most cleanly and lasting of all hair dressings, making it indispensable on the toilet of every lady and gentleman. Sold at 75 cents a bottle by all leading druggists.

April 27—dcod w1y.

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SAMPLE HATS!

A VERY LARGE LOT JUST RECEIVED.

MEN'S AND BOYS' STYLES

Which will be Sold at Retail at Manufacturers' Wholesale Prices. Call soon if you want to get the CHEAPEST HATS Ever Sold in Decatur.—We have also just received our SPRING STOCK of

BOYS' & YOUTHS'

CLOTHING

Of which we have an Endless Variety, and will sell at prices Lower than are ruled SINCE THE WAR. Our Stock of

MEN'S READY-MADE CLOTHING!

Is Full and Complete, and will be SOLD at VERY LOW PRICES. A Large Stock of

LAUNDRIED AND UNLAUNDRIED SHIRTS!

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Of Every Variety and Price, ALL NEW and of the LATEST STYLES.

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GIVE US A CALL.

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March 22 d&wtf

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Large and Unprecedented Bargains in

DRY GOODS!

5,000 yards Best Prints, 6 1-4 cents.
3,000 " Prints, 5 cents.
1,000 " soft-finished, bleached Muslin, for the needle, 7 1-2 cents.

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The Largest Assortment and Newest Patterns.

100 dozen Ladies' Balbriggan Hose, 5 cents per pair
100 " Fancy Striped Hose, 10 cents.
100 " Plain Fancy Colored Hose, 12½ cents.
Children's Hose, in large variety, from 8 cents up
Parasols and Linen Suits, lower than ever.
Dress Goods—beatiful styles—from 10, 12½, 15, 20 to 25 cents
Black Dress Silk—the best in the city, at $1.00

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The Largest Stock in the City, Retailed at Wholesale Prices.

Come and see my Immense Stock before buying elsewhere.

THEO. A. GEHRMANN.

May 2, 1878 d&w1m

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STOVES.

"CHARTER OAK" COOK STOVES,

FOR COAL AND WOOD,

Made from the BEST IRON, BEST PATTERNS, WARRANTED TO LAST LONGER, and at Prices as low as any other manufactory, at

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A Choice Stock Building Hardware

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

NAILS, $2.75 PER KEG, CASH.

White Lead, Oils, Chemical Paint, Building Paper, Granite Ware, Tin and Pressed Ware, Clothes Wringers, Barb Fence Wire, Forks, Hoes, Rakes, Spades, Shovels and

MANTLES AND GRATES,

—AT—

CLOSE & GRISWOLD'S.

Decatur, Ill., Jan 10, 1878 wtf

CONGRESSIONAL NURSERY RHYMES

There was an old man from Missouri,
Who hated corruption like fury;
He howled about "fraud"
Till his friends cried "Good Lord!
We must muzzle this man from Missouri."

'Twas a contrite old sinner from Florida,
Who said there could be nothing horrider
Than the fraudulent ways
For counting in Hayes
They'd resorted to down there in Florida.

There was a Reformer named Glover,
Who when trying some thieves to discover,
Caught his friends by the collar
And made them all "holler,"
"Oh, quit this blank foolishness, Glover!"

There are rivers in West Pennsylvaney,
That are wet only when it is rainy.
It's a matter of doubt,
Whether paved or dug out,
They'll better suit West Pennsylvaney.
—*New York Tribune.*

Twenty Impolite Things.

1. Loud and boisterous laughing.
2. Reading when others are talking.
3. Talking when others are reading.
4. Cutting finger nails in company.
5. Joking others in company.
6. Gazing rudely at strangers.
7. Leaving a stranger without a seat.
8. Making yourself hero of your own story.
9. Reading aloud in company without being asked.
10. Spitting about the house, smoking or chewing.
11. Leaving church before worship is closed.
12. Whispering or laughing in the house of God.
13. A want of respect and reverence for seniors.
14. Correcting older persons than yourself, especially parents.
15. Receiving a present without an expression of gratitude.
16. Not listening to what one is saying in company.
17. Commencing to eat as soon as you get to the table.
18. Answering questions that have been put to others.
19. Commencing talking before others have finished speaking.
20. Laughing at the mistakes of others.

The Future United States.

It is not generally known, even in cultivated circles, that the amount of arable soil in America is greater than in Europe, Asia and Africa put together, and can therefore sustain more lives.—This is no rash conclusion. I speak from a scientific basis, and I will show you what that basis is: Our continent is narrow, and therefore the winds of the ocean water well. The mountain chains on the east side of the American continent are low; on the east side of the Old World, are high. From this it results that the trade winds, laden with the wetness of the sea, are attracted to our land. The breadth of the Old World and its high eastern ranges cause the rainless interiors of Asia and Africa.—Again, America is the land of fertile plains; the Old World of scorched plains. Our plains run north and south, and so attract and receive rains—America is higher under the equator, the Old World is wide; hence, with us a small surface is exposed to the scorching sun. The result is that the productive soil in the Old World is 10,000,000 square miles, and in the New 11,000,000. Thus bursts upon us in all the light of scientific truth the fact that America can sustain a greater population than the Old World; and, if she can, it is unquestionable that some day she will.—*Coal Trade Journal.*

English Enterprise.

It can be readily observed, in glancing over the despatches published in English newspapers, that there is little or no enterprise in the matter of receiving news from the United States. The papers contain literally nothing, as compared with that forwarded from England for publication in the great papers on the western side of the Atlantic. During my stay in England I conversed with several merchants who deal largely in American productions, and several of them complained with great bitterness of the lack of telegraphic information concerning the market prices, two of the gentlemen saying that they paid large sums of money for cable telegraphing in order to obtain correct information.

Practical Telephony

The telephone is fast coming into practical use. Bloomington and Normal and Urbana and Champaign, in this state, have been connected by means of this instrument for some time, and now we notice that Rock Island and Moline are talking about putting one in operation between those cities. In the cities where it is established the ordinary charge for sending messages is five cents, with five cents additional for delivering. For short distances the telephone is much cheaper than the telegraph.

"PSHAW!" said Grumpus, when he heard of the telephone enabling us to hear a man six hundred miles off, "the valuable invention would be one to enable us *not* to hear loud and vulgar chatter six inches off in railway carriages and elsewhere—to say nothing of street criers in a suburban house. *That* would deserve gratitude, if you like."

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CATARRH

IS IT CURABLE?

THOSE who have suffered from the various and complicated forms of disease assumed by Catarrh, and have tried many physicians and remedies without relief or cure, await the answer to this question with considerable anxiety. And well they may; for no disease that can be mentioned is so universally prevalent and so destructive to health as Catarrh. Bronchitis, Asthma, Coughs, and serious and frequently fatal affections of the lungs follow, in many instances, a case of simple but neglected Catarrh. Other sympathetic affections, such as deafness, impaired eyesight, and loss of sense of smell, may be referred to as minor but nevertheless serious results of neglected Catarrh, bad enough in themselves, but as nothing compared with the dangerous affections of the throat and lungs likely to follow.

IT CAN BE CURED.

IT can be cured. There is no doubt about it. The immediate relief afforded by SANFORD'S RADICAL CURE FOR CATARRH is but a slight evidence of what may follow a persistent use of this remedy. The hard, incrusted matter that has lodged in the nasal passages is removed with a few applications; the ulceration and inflammation subdued and healed; the entire membranous linings of the head are cleansed and purified. Constitutionally its action is that of a powerful purifying agent, destroying in its course through the system the *acid poison*, the destructive agent in catarrhal diseases.

A COMPLICATED CASE.

Gentlemen,—My case is briefly as follows: I have had Catarrh for ten years, each year with increasing severity. For nine years I had not breathed through one nostril. I had droppings in the throat, a very bad cough, asthma so bad as to be obliged to take a remedy for it at night before being able to lie down and sleep, and a constant dull pain in my head. My head was at times so full of catarrhal matter as to injure my sense of hearing and compel me to get up several times in the night to clear it and my throat before I could sleep. Every one of these distressing symptoms has disappeared under the use of not quite three bottles of SANFORD'S RADICAL CURE. My hearing is fully restored. I have no asthmatic symptoms, no cough, no droppings in the throat, no headache, and in every way better than I have been for years. I could feel the effects of the CURE on my appetite, on my kidneys, and, in fact, every part of my system. What has been done in my case is wholly the effect of the RADICAL CURE. Very respectfully,
FITCHBURG, Oct. 14. C. E. LAWRENCE.

Indorsed by a Prominent Druggist.

I hereby certify that Mr. Lawrence purchased the RADICAL CURE of me, and from time to time made me familiar with his case. I believe his statement to be true in every particular.
FITCHBURG, Oct. 11 JAS. P. DERBY.

Each package contains Dr. Sanford's Improved Inhaling Tube, and full directions for its use in all cases. Price, $1. For sale by all wholesale and retail druggists and dealers throughout the United States and Canadas. WEEKS & POTTER, General Agents and Wholesale Druggists, Boston, Mass.

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GRAY HAIR or WHISKERS changed to a GLOSSY BLACK by a single application of this DYE. It imparts a Natural Color, acts Instantaneously, and is as Harmless as spring water. Sold by Druggists, or sent by express on receipt of $1. Office, 35 Murray Street, New York.

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R. Q. M'REYNOLDS, Assignee.
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MEN WANTED. Salary $100 per month. To a few men to sell our goods to DEALERS. Traveling Expenses Paid. NO PEDDLING. YEARLY CONTRACT. U. S. TEA IMPORTING CO., 105 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio

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THE FIRST AND ONLY SUCCESSFUL CHECK ROWER EVER INVENTED.

CAN BE ATTACHED TO ANY CORN PLANTER.

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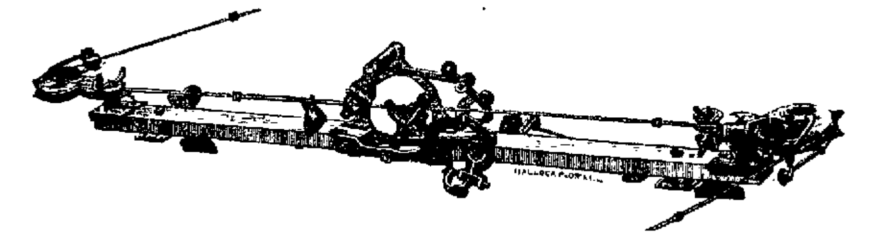

CENTER MOVEMENT CHECK ROWER.

This movement requires a knot for each row, and either 3 feet 6, 3 feet 8, or 3 feet 10 rope will work on the same bar.

We call your attention to the following letter from Mr. C. E. Connard, of Elwin, Ill., who used one of the first Check Rowers we ever made (in 1869,) and has been using them ever since.

A Testimonial Letter:

ELWIN, ILLINOIS, April 9th, 1878.

Messrs. Haworth & Sons, Decatur, Illinois:
In reply to yours of the 8th inst., I would state that after having used the New Center Movement Check Rower for several days, I would consider it an improvement over the old Check Rower, (which I have used for several years,) because, first, by reason of the arrangement by which the Planter may be turned round at the ends without removing the rope, at least one-half the time in turning is saved, and the construction of the dropper is such that not more than one-half the weight is required to drop than was by the old, thus allowing the rope to run more slack, and avoiding its being pulled back and forth in dropping. I have planted at a distance of 30 rods from the end without the rope secured by a pin, the weight of the rope dropping. By running the rope loose the wear is much less, is another advantage, as well as it prevents the side draft incident to working with a tight rope.
Yours, truly. C. E. CONNARD.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS, April 18, 1878.

Messrs. Haworth & Sons, Decatur, Illinois:
GENTS:—Your Center Movement Check Rower works splendid; every one that has seen it at work wants one.
Yours, respectfully, P. T. WRIGHT

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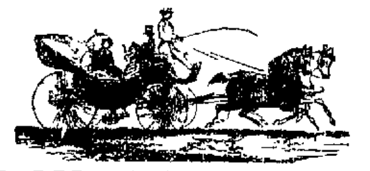

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Feb. 20 d&w 3mos

FARMERS' PAINT.

Farmers will find the following profitable for house or fence paint: Skim milk, two quarts, fresh slaked lime, eight ounces ... seed oil, six ounces; white Burgundy pitch, two ounces; Spanish ... pounds. The lime is to be ... water exposed to the air ... one fourth of the ... the pitch is dis... little at a time ... afterwards ... for white paint ... may be pro... color is desired ... white, use ochre ... lime to economize in ... temporary structures will ... valuable.

... experiments on fire proof ... the following ... were successfully em... 20 parts by weight of water ... and 2½ of sulphate ... This forms an insoluble borate of ... which surrounds and impreg... the threads of fibers to which it is ... ed, and renders either the develop... of gases or the spread of flames difficult. To one part salt ammoniac, add two parts of sulphate of lime. A single coating of this is an excellent preservative for wood structures against burning. Old roofing soaked with ... and oil failed to catch fire after being impregnated with this mixture.

To make whitewash that will not rub off, slake in the usual way, mix one gill of flour with cold water, taking care ... cut all the lumps, then pour on boiling water enough to thicken to the consistency of common starch, while hot pour in ... of slaked lime and add one pound of whiting ... will ... the ... wash ...

Pleading for His Former Slave

... Castle ...

The case of the State against Oliver Jones charged with murder was tried last Thursday at Clayton Superior Court and a verdict rendered of voluntary manslaughter, with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court. The prisoner was an old negro about 60 years of age and widely known in his neighborhood where previous to the difficulty he had always borne the reputation of a peaceable, industrious, and inoffensive man. In an encounter with Luke Dorsey ... of desperate character who it seems had offered some insult to his wife, Dorsey was killed. At the close of the trial the venerable David James, the father of the Hon. John H. James, ... Upon permission from the Court he proceeded in a voice tremulous with emotion to speak of the early life of the prisoner. He had been his master and raised him and watched over him in his boyhood. He had been the nurse and companion of his children and the most obedient, affectionate and hard working slave he had ever owned. The old gentleman proceeded in a touching appeal to the Court, but his voice failed and he could continue no further. The tears rushed from his eyes, and, kneeling at the railing near the prisoner he bowed his face in his hands and gave vent to his feeling. In consideration of the circumstances in his favor the Judge imposed a light sentence of three years in the Penitentiary.

Ingenuity of Birds.

A singular instance of the ingenuity of birds was noticed in Detroit the other day, when two robins were seen to be ... with a small toy basket which had been left in a doorway. Evidently thinking it would make a pale ... the birds were pulling and ... over the ... but were unable to ... hold of it in such a way as to fly off with it. They accordingly left it, but soon returned with a string about eight feet long, which they drew through the basket and each taking one end in its bill flew briskly away with the basket hanging on its swing between them.

The Decatur News ... thinks it ... unhealthy for the News. We have taken the pains to find out what the circulation of the News in this community, and we learn from reliable authority that it is about half a dozen ... less, but somewhere in that neighborhood. Wonderful "unhealthy" condition that! We send more copies of the News to Decatur every week than the Sun ... does of his paper to Macon ... from which we conclude that it is the circulation of the ... in Decatur that is getting unhealthy for the Sun.—Macon News.

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Notice.—As I wish to retire from the jewelry business I will sell my entire stock consisting of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Musical Instruments, &c., &c., at first cost for cash only. All desiring anything in my line may be convinced that I mean what I say by giving me a call.
J. L. KNIFFER,
24 Merchant St., Decatur, Ill.
Jan 11 d&wtf

A "Situation" for a Yale Graduate.

The Yale Record says: A recent graduate whose name is hardly dry yet in the triennial catalogue armed himself with his diploma and started in search of a situation in the metropolis the other day. Having removed his diamond studs and donned his last year's hat he sallied into a counting house and begged the gray haired self to show him into the senior partner's office. On coming into the presence of the bald headed millionaire, he made an obsequious, we might say a humiliating bow. He stated that he was in search of a situation. The man said, "Well, sir, what can you do?" "Anything," replied our friend. "What salary do you expect?" was the next inquiry of the old buffer. "Oh, well, $1,200 will do." "Why, my young man, I can get two thousand clerks, competent men, at that for $5 a week." The graduate at this stage of the game pulled out his diploma and exclaimed: "You may not be aware of it, sir, but I am a graduate of Yale, and here is my diploma." "If that is the case, I don't want you at any price." The ... grew red in the face and turning to the old man said: "Before I will work for $5 a week I will chew on the nourishment of the front steps of the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Good morning."

A VERY BAD BOY.

A bad boy thus describes his misdeeds and their punishment in a letter to a chum: My sister Em has got a feller who has been coming to see her most every night for some time. Night before last just to have a little fun I went into the parlor and crawled under the sofa, and ... there till he ... Em ... and ... he was asking her if she was willing to be ... his ... partner ... and ... protection ... red hot ... which I ... jumped myself ... against ... the sofa ... I ... doing ... He never stopped ... the ... steps. As ... I ... knew what ... Em ... only yelled ... and ... under the sofa till dad ... down on his knees and ... me there and pulled me out by the hair. When he ... got me out in the woodshed he ... me ... his knee ... old trunk ...

... photographs ... present state ... perfection ... talking ... voice ... room with the doors closed. Any sound ... laughing, whistling, coughing ... ordinary speaking ... infancy ... improvement which will speedily and probably follow it ... Mr. Edison has ... working the phonograph ... the world ... a sprinkle ... the ... the ... result ... difficulty in ... The amount ... which ... small piece of tin ... marvelous. Mr. Edison has succeeded in putting 48,000 words on a sheet of tinfoil about ten inches square. ... than copper sheets have been found to work most satisfactorily, and it is probable that diamond points will ultimately be used. Mr. Edison is confident that he will soon be able to reproduce the slightest whisper as well as the screech of a steam whistle.

Last winter a Boston lady sent an order to Worth for an evening dress with instructions that it should be made ... The great man cabled back he wasn't making dresses that way, ... to which milady replied, "Make it as low as possible." The gown arrived in due time. It was tres decollete and it was soon worn to a large entertainment where it at once attracted the attention of a noted wit to whom the lady was well known. After a quiet survey of the premises the gentleman turned to her with the alarmed whisper, "My dear, who undressed you?" Calmly raising her eyes she responded, "Mr. Worth undressed me, Mr. ——."

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I've seen a dignified sensible dog, rush after a rabbit, have his course crossed by a second rabbit, take frantically after the second, then have his new course crossed by a third rabbit, turn madly after the third, come on the fourth crossing rabbit and quit in disgust.—Utah Letter.

Pianos and Organs for rent at C. B. Prescott's. feb26 d&wtf

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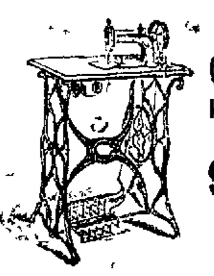

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J. ... WEBB,

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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I. ... CURTIS,

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J. ...IAH M. CLOKEY,

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

... over the Decatur National Bank. Special attention to matters in Probate and Chancery. Decatur, Ill., Apr. 9, '77. d&w1v

DAWKINS & CUNNINGHAM,
R. C. Dawkins. A. B. Cunningham.

DENTISTS.

... Hammer & Co's. Bank, ... Illinois Dec26wtf

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BROWN & TAIT,
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J. A. S. WALTZ,

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... HOSKINS,

DENTIST,

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... PASCO,

Attorney at Law,

... Public, Solicitor of Collections, ... and War Claims. Office over Bush... Shoe store, East Main street, Decatur, Ill. ... attention given to Bankruptcy and ... collecting business. Jun17'76-d&wtf

B. SHERRETT,

Attorney-at-Law,

... southeast corner of the Old Square, 2 ... formerly occupied by S. G. Malon, ... W. C. Armstrong's Drug Store. ... d&wly

ELDRIDGE & HOSTETLER,
E. R. Eldridge, J. C. Hostetler,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

... over Newell & Hammer's Grocery Store, ...ille

A. BOWER BUNN,

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

... Central Block, over Wingate's ... Merchant street. Aug1'75-wtf

H. A. BUCKINGHAM,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

...nce over Hildebrandt's Drug Store, Decatur ... April3'72dtf

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Veterinary Surgeon

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WANTED. Energetic persons to canvass Decatur for the "Magic Self-Lighting Burner," entirely new, and attracts ... everywhere. A good chance to make ... for particulars, address S. C. TALLMADGE, Gen'l. Agent, ... 12 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois

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CALL on Irwin, "The Live Druggist."—Money purses are being sold cheap.

ABEL & LOCKE are in receipt of some beautiful new styles of carpet goods that are very attractive. All wanting carpet goods should examine this stock.

RESCUE HOSE CO. has under considera-tion the subject of giving an entertain-ment at an early day. Full particulars in due season.

AN exchange announces the illness of one of its readers thusly:

B. F. Johnson has a liver. It is not tending strictly to business, hence his below par-ness.

IRWIN, "The Live Druggist," post office block, sells cheap because he sells for cash.

ABEL & LOCKE can sell the nicest carpet for the least money of any house in the State. They have the latest styles, direct from eastern factories.

THE annual conference of the U. B. Church for this section of country will be held in Decatur this year, early in September. Bishop Weaver, of Dayton, O., will preside. At the conference the ap-pointments are made out for the ensuing year, and the annual session is an occa-sion of great interest to the churches.

THE St. Nicholas Hotel is getting on its best "shine," in the shape of whitewash, paint and paper. When the crusade is over, the establishment will be as neat as a new pin from top to bottom. The Laux Brothers are determined that their hotel shall rank among the best in the State.

DR. WALTERS is making important re-pairs and additions upon his residence on West North street. He is adding a sec-ond story to the west wing, and making other fine improvements. The Doctor has one of the pleasantest sites for a dwelling in the city, and the improvements he is making will give him an exceeding pleas-ant place in which to dwell.

THE amusement season will close in Decatur with two of the brightest dra-matic stars known to the American stage—George Rignold and John T. Ray-mond; the former on Friday evening, May 10th, and the latter on Wednesday even-ing, May 15th. Nobody can afford to miss seeing either.

J. MILLIKIN & CO. have beautiful new signs in the windows of their bank. The letters are gilt and wrought in fine wire, which is placed in frames of suitable di-mensions to set in the windows. The work is beautifully done, and well repays one for examining it. The lettering on the window glass has been removed.

K. H. ROBY, Esq., is laying tile from his residence, at the corner of Water and North streets, west to Main street, for the purpose of draining his cellar and grounds. The business of draining cellars is receiv-ing more than usual attention this spring, for the reason that an unusual amount of water is in the ground, and people are finding out that it is not healthy to live over a pond of water.

THE fine new dwelling house of Mr. D. C. Shockley, at the corner of William and Church streets, is getting on its finishing touches of paint, and looks decidedly nobby as it approaches completion. Mr. S. has a bath-room in his new house that is supplied with cold and warm water, and indeed his new dwelling has all the modern improvements and conveniences, and it will be when done as good a house as any man will need to have.

RAISING FISH.—Mr. John Imboden has stocked a small pond near his spring with trout. He has put in about one hun-dred and fifty fish, which he received from the vicinity of Rockford. The little fellows are lively as crickets in their new home.

THE GREAT EXCURSION.—The excursion to Cincinnati, advertised in our columns to-day, will be the great event of the sea-son. The attractions offered by the great music festival, the very low rate of fare, the charming time of year—all these will aid to make it the "boss" excursion. You can't afford to stay at home.

THE "LEVEE" IN A NEW DRESS.—The buildings on the "Levee" are putting on their best spring attire. The Franklin House, which was a few weeks ago dam-aged by fire, has been thoroughly repair-ed, repainted and papered, and put in first-rate order. We understand also that new furniture is to be put in, and the place is to be made to shine upstairs and down. The Laclede Hotel and other buildings in the neighborhood, are also putting on new paint, and having a gen-eral brushing up. Indeed, the appearance of the locality is so changed that one would hardly know the place.

A MEAN TRICK.—Since Mr. John Imbo-den has been to considerable trouble and expense to stock a pond near his spring with brook trout, boys who ought to know better have been in the habit of going into the pond and scooping them out with their hats and throwing them away. This is about as mean a thing as we ever heard of being done, and we hope that the boys may be caught and punished.

From Thursday's Daily.

BURGLARIES.

Gentlemen of the profession evidently still live. Last night they removed part of a pane of glass from the front door of Strohm's grocery, in opera block, thereby effecting an entrance. Once inside they proceeded to wrench the money drawer from its fastenings, which they took out-side, and possessed themselves of its contents, consisting of about four dollars in change. They also took a box of cigars and a few other articles. The money-drawer was found outside, in a sadly demoralized condition. The bottom part of the broken pane of glass still remained in the door, so that it is evident that there must have been two persons, and the probability is that a small fellow was passed in through the broken pane by some one remaining outside, as it would have been difficult for one to have stepped through without being cut by the glass remaining in the sash. It was a very bold burglary, as there are persons passing the place at all hours of the night.

STILL ANOTHER.

The saloon kept by Mr. Grabs, on the west side of the old square, was also en-tered by some fellow who was evidently pretty good on the climb, as he forced open the transom over the front door and managed to crawl through it, thus gain-ing admission. Whoever the invader was he made for the money drawer and drew it from its place, but in all his hunting he failed to get what little change was hidden away in a sly corner of the till. The only thing missed from the place is a few cigars. After rummag-ing about for a while the burglar or bur-glars left by the back door, without hav-ing realized any great increase of wealth.

MOVING DAY.—What disagreeable ob-jects our household gods become at this time of the year, when stove-pipes rear themselves obnoxiously in corners, and there is a shrinkage of carpets, and the soap and blacking meet together in the sugar-box; when nails and clothes-pins fall into the pickle-jar, and the baby's bottle gets lost, and the chairs are all reversed, and the man of the house has an urgent call to go east on business, leaving the partner of his bosom to the mercy of landlords and moving-men. And now it is that the supremacy of sex asserts her-self. With her infant under one arm and the clock under the other, and her hands full of miscellaneous articles, that woman will march up and down stairs, through carpetless halls, and over prostrate furni-ture, sixteen miles an hour, and still have strength enough to tell just how she did it to her hundred female friends who are enjoying similar experience.

A SUGGESTION.—An exchange suggests that if the churches of the city where it is published wish to secure a full attend-ance of the young men and boys at divine service, that the best way to do it is to offer as a prize to the fellow who will attend church every Sunday for six weeks a ticket to the first circus that comes to town. The suggestion is not particularly complimentary to the boys of that town, but we are of the opinion that there are some other towns where the offering of the reward named would secure a full attendance of boys at church and Sunday school.

INDICATIONS FOR MAY.—From the 1st to 3d look out for chickens from hens set April 10th; 4th to 6th, scald beds infested with bugs; 7th to 10th, cloudy weather, and there will be a storm if you stay out late; 11th to 15th, peas in blossom and the first brood of chickens will die with pip; 16th to 19th, hogs will break into the gar-den and eat all the early vegetables. Look out for storms; 20th to 23d, pleasant weather brought about by promise of new carpet; 24th, visible signs of storm, cow kicks over pail of milk, baby falls down stairs and cat has kittens; 25th to 27th, look out for visit from mother-in-law; drown kittens; 28th, candidate for Sheriff will call; 29th to 31st, discover more bugs in bed; kiss hired girl early; ninety day notes due at the bank—must renew; tell wife can't get carpet and storm brewing.

SEASONABLE GOODS.—Our lady readers will be interested in the new advertise-ment of Theo. A. Gehrmann, in to-day's paper. Mr. G's store is full of the choicest spring and summer goods, and ladies who want "a love of a bonnet" will find in his stock an ample supply to select from.

ENJOY LIFE.

What a truly beautiful world we live in! Nature gives us grandeur of moun-tains, glens and oceans, and thousands of means for enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health, but how often do the majority of people feel like giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worried out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory proof that Green's August Flower will make them as free from disease as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint is the direct cause of 75 per cent. of such maladies as Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostra-tion, Dizziness of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, and other distressing symp-toms. Three doses of August Flower will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bot-tles, 10 cents. Try it.

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WOOD.—Pratt has constantly on hand stove wood and ... of wood which he will deliver on short ...

April ...

From Friday's Daily.

A Fearful Accident—A Young Lady Badly Burned.

Last evening, at the American House, at about half past nine, a boy by the name of Anderson, who was stopping there for the night, took a fluid lamp in his hand and started to go up stairs to bed. When part way up the stairs, either by the boy tipping the lamp, or by some other means, the fluid within it got upon the outside, and at once ignited. Terrified by the flame, the boy threw the lamp to the foot of the stairs. Standing near the foot of the stairs was a young lady by the name of Carrie Sunderman, who is employed about the house. This young lady at-tempted to throw the burning lamp into the street, and in doing so the flames from it ignited her clothing, and she was at once enveloped in a blaze. In her fright she started to run back through the hall, and was met by Mrs. Holmes, who at first wrapped a shawl around the terrified girl with a view to extinguishing the blaze, and failing to do so caught a tub of water that stood near, and dashed the water up on the young woman. By this means the flames were extinguished, but not before Miss Sunderman was terribly burned upon the lower limbs and about the hips, one arm also being badly burned. Dr. Cass Chenoweth was at once summoned to the scene of the accident and ministered as far as possible to the suffering victim's relief. The young woman suffered terri-bly in spite of all that could be done for her. Mrs. Holmes, in her efforts to save the young woman displayed great cour-age and presence of mind, and was herself badly burned before the flames were put out. Miss Celia Holmes also rendered most valuable service by extinguishing the fire in the hall, thereby saving the house from burning.

The young woman's clothing was burn-ed to her waist, and would have been en-tirely consumed but for the shawl which Mrs. Holmes threw about her. Miss Sun-derman is a valued employe at the Amer-ican House, and an estimable young wo-man. She has a mother living in the city, who came at once to her assistance. The escape of Mrs. Holmes from being terri-bly, if not fatally burned, was a very nar-row one, as her clothes several times took fire, from which she was considerably burned in several places.

Last night Dr. Chenoweth was of the opinion that the young lady could not long survive her injuries.

THANKS TENDERED.

At a meeting of St. Johns Guild, held on Wednesday evening, May 1st, it was resolved that the thanks of the Guild be tendered to Miss Andrews, of Maroa, Miss Latham, of Lincoln, Miss Fannie Shellabarger, Miss Millikin, Prof. C. A. Foster and Master Charley Wessels, of Decatur, and the Choir of St. Johns Church, for their kindly efforts in con-tributing so largely to the success of the Parlor Concert, on the 24th of April, and that a copy of this resolution be furnish-ed each of the persons named and pub-lished in the city papers.

MRS. RUTH K. FERRISS, Sec'y.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—On Tuesday, May 21st., the Illinois State Sunday School Convention is to convene in the First M. E. church in this city.—The convention will be composed of dele-gates from the several county Sunday school associations in the state, and will consist of from four to five hundred mem-bers. There will also be present several prominent Sunday school workers from outside the state. The occasion is looked forward to with much interest, and it is expected that it will be one of the best state conventions ever held in Illinois.—Decatur people should keep constantly before their minds the fact that delegates are entertained gratuitously by the people of the cities where the convention is held from year to year, and the com-mittee of arrangements here are desirous that Decatur should stand in the front rank of hospitality. The convention will open on Tuesday the 21st, at 10 o'clock a. m., and continue until Thursday evening.

HAVE YOU A COUGH?

That dry, hacking cough is the herald of approaching consumption. To check the swift progress of the destroyer, prompt and decisive measures must be resorted to. A dose of Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound, taken when the coughing spells come on, will afford immediate relief, and eventually effect a thorough cure. It will be found equally beneficial in all forms of throat and lung disorders. In cases of croup it is of ines-timable value. Call at the drug store of Dr. A. J. Stoner and inquire about it; he will furnish you with a trial size bottle for ten cents. Large sizes 50 cents and One Dollar.

Also agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleas-ant to take and requires no physic. Price 25 cents.

May 1-1m d&w.

The Patent Corset Comforts—Bor-tree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moo-dy's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheap-est French Corsets in the city, at

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$5.00 a pair ...

CANTASTOPTHIS!

STROPHE.

Oh, he was a sweet, young, lithesome man,
And he moved with a tender grace;
And a smile like the sweep of an angel's wing
Played over his fair young face.

ANTISTROPHE.

"I bring," he said, and the editor bowed,
For he loved the sweet young thing,
"I bring," he murmured, "a poet's song,
A lay of the balmy spring."

CLIMAX.

Then the editor gathered his cross-cut saw,
And the nail grab, all the same;
The big sledge hammer, the long crow bar,
And the club with the terrible name.

CATASTROPHE.

He sawed him in two and he flattened him out,
He tore out each quivering lung;
He pinned him up to the sanctum wall,
So scattered, and yet so young.

From Saturday's Daily.

THE GRENADIERS.

A Successful Entertainment.

"Old Probabilities" took pity on the Grenadiers last night, and, as if to make amends for the terrible rain storm of the evening previous, gave them such weather as he has been very stingy with during the past two weeks. The people appreciated the change, too, and as a consequence turned out in full force, filling all the seats in the hall.

The programme was carried out in full, and the musical portion of the entertain-ment called forth frequent applause, and Miss Andrews, who sang much better than on the evening previous, received a hearty encore, in response to which she gave the charming little ballad, "Bide a wee." Miss Andrews has a very sweet, pure voice, and sings with a degree of spirit and naturalness that is always pleasing. Her singing was exceedingly well receiv-ed by the audience last evening.

Mr. D. L. Bunn sang as a solo a very sweet song entitled, "The Teardrop," written by Prof. Hertel, to whose accom-paniment he sang. Mr. Wessels sang a very fine bass solo, rendering it well, as he always does. The male quartette sang "Crabbed Age and Youth" and the stir-ring "Soldier's Chorus," from the opera of *Faust*. In response to an encore the quartette sang "Beware"—a selection which seemed to please the audience bet-ter than any other rendered by the male voices. The selections played by Prof. Goodman's orchestra were also very fine, and were well received. The organ used for accompaniments was a fine "New England," kindly furnished by Mr. J. Goldstein.

The address by Rev. S. MacBurney was a most excellent one in every respect, and elicited close attention and frequent applause. He spoke of the necessity and usefulness of military organizations, re-viewed the militia law of Illinois, and referred to the glories which had crowded the work of the faithful and obedient soldier, who, whether he fell in victory or defeat, was always a hero. In the course of his remarks he recited a portion of Tennyson's immortal poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," with thrilling effect. The address had in it all the ele-ments which go to make up a successful effort for such an occasion; it was brief, spirited, pithy and eloquent.

The manual of arms was gone through with by the Grenadiers in fine style, after which the floor was cleared, and for a couple of hours the lovers of the Terp-sichorean art danced to the music of Goodman's band. The refreshment rooms were well patronized during the evening, and we are glad to know that the enter-tainment was a success in a financial point of view, as well as every other way.

DON'T BE DECEIVED.

Many persons say, "I haven't got the Consumption," when asked to cure their cough with Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Do they not know that Coughs lead to Consumption and a remedy that will cure Consumption will certainly and surely cure a cough or any lung or throat trouble. We know it will cure when all others fail, and our faith in it is so positive that we will refund the price paid if you receive no benefit. Is not this a fair proposition? Price 10 cts., 50 cts. and $1.00 per bottle. For lame Chest, Back or Side, use Shi-loh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

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Why will you suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, Constipation and General Debility, when you can get at our store Shiloh's System Vitalizer, which we sell on a positive guarantee to cure you. Price 10 cents and 75 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

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"HACKMETACK," a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

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From Saturday's Daily.

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE DENIED—The young man Fager, who is in jail here from Clinton, under a charge of bas-tardy, was this morning brought before Judge Nelson on a writ of habeas corpus, with a view of obtaining his discharge—Cree & Ewing supporting the application for discharge, and Thomas Lee opposing ... Upon hearing the argument ...

SHARON CHURCH.

SHARON CHURCH, April 27, 1878.

EDS. REPUBLICAN:—The meeting of the Temperance Alliance here this evening was well attended, considering the threat-ening appearance of the weather, and was addressed by Mr. Talbot of Chicago. His speech was one of the most effective and powerful efforts we have yet had the for-tune to hear, and short, trite, and to the point. Addresses by the Misses Park and Bradshaw were made. The young ladies did themselves great credit, and they rank among our foremost workers in the tem-perance cause. Four signatures to the pledge were obtained, which is highly gratifying to us, as we considered some of them well nigh hopeless. Our organi-zation now numbers fifty-seven; and with hearts and hands united, we shall endeav-or to drive King Alcohol from our midst and be found in the ranks of the rapidly recruiting army of temperance.

G. J. BREARLEY, Secretary.

SIGNS.

People who still adhere to the look-at-your-tongue-and-feel-of-your-pulse doctor sometimes express not a little curiosity in regard to Dr. R. V. Pierce's original method of distinguishing all forms of chronic disease without personal consul-tation. Some even suppose that he ac-complishes this through clairvoyance, or some other species of professional jug-glery. All this is utterly false. He claims to determine disease by the rational methods of science only. Says Comley, in his Biographical Encyclopedia of New York State, speaking of this distinguished physician: "He perceived that in each of the natural sciences the investigator pro-ceeds according to a *system of signs*.—The geologist in his cabinet accurately determines and describes the cleft of rock, which he has never seen, from the minute specimen on his table. And the chemist in his laboratory notes the constituents of the sun with the same precision that he analyzes a crystal of rock salt. The analogous system developed by Dr. Pierce in medical science is worthy of his genius, and has made his name justly celebrated." For a full explanation of this ingenious system of diagnosis, see the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, sent, post-paid, to any address on receipt of one dollar and fifty cents. Address the author, R. V. Pierce, M. D. Buffalo, N. Y.

GEORGE RIGNOLD.—This talented ac-tor will entertain our people on Friday evening of next week, supported by a large and talented company. As Mr. R. is a stranger here we give below a para-graph from *Harper's Weekly*, in relation to the rendition of *Henry V.* in New York by this eminent tragedian:

One of the best actors London has sent to this country—Mr. George Rignold—has achieved a remarkable success at Booth's Theatre, in *Henry V.*, which has just been produced there with unprecedented scenic effects, and is, on the whole, the finest Shakspearean representation that has been witnessed in New York. The daily press is unanimous in its encomiums of Mr. Rignold for his quiet, dignified, manly, kingly rendition of the part of the valiant monarch. His delivery of the famous soliloquy and prayer is exceptionally fine. It contrasts with the frivolity of the mod-ern drama. Mr. Rignold's *Henry V.*—generous adversary, munificent friend, brave commander, and gallant soldier-wooer—rises to a height of grandeur where Shakspeare placed him.

Read the advertisement in another place.

WHEAT IN HEAD.—Mr. William Dea-kins, of Wheatland township, brought to the REPUBLICAN office this morning sev-eral stalks of wheat, which he pulled from his field, which are headed out. He says wheat in the head the first of May is what was never before seen in Macon county. Mr. D. says he has new potatoes in his field as large as hickory-nuts. This we think is also a thing unknown before in this section of country.

THE recently published letter of Jeff. Davis to a Macon, Ga., committee is not calculated to bring Decoration Day into additional favor—especially the joint celebrations which have been customary in the North. He warns the ex-Con-federates not to put in the penitential plea that they believed they were right, but to stick to the assertion that they were defeated in a strictly defensive war for all that men hold dear on earth.—After this we hope there will be no joint decoration ceremonies in this vi-cinity.—*Globe-Democrat.*

MARRIED.

May 1, 1878, at the residence of Mr. John Stickel, of Long Creek township, by Rev. J. H. Dimmitt, MR. GEORGE CRAW-FORD, of Lansing, Michigan, and MISS JOSIE STICKEL.

From the hand-shaking and congratu-lations of friends they hurried away to take the train that was to bear them rap-idly from the happy home of the bride to their future home in Michigan.

At the M. E. Church, Harristown, Ill., April 25, 1878, by Rev. D. E. May, MR. W. A. COMBS and MISS ELLA INMAN, all of Harristown.

In this city, May 1st, at the residence of the bride's parents, corner of State and William streets, by Justice Peake, MR. FRANK B. HENKLE and MISS ANNIE B. KEPLEY, daughter of Chas. H. Kepley.

ICE! ICE!—D. A. Maffit is prepared to deliver ice in any part of the city. Or-ders left at S. T. Kellers ... store will ...

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TELEGRAPHIC

WASHINGTON May 4.—The Senate was not in session.

HOUSE.

Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, from the committee on Coinage, reported a bill to retire the 5 and 3 cent silver pieces, and to stop their further coinage; also providing that fractional or subsidiary silver coin shall be a legal tender to extent of twenty dollars, and shall be exchangable at the treasury for other legal tender money when presented in sums of twenty dollars or over. Ordered printed and recommitted.

The House then took up the legislative appropriation bill.

Mr. Banks, of Massachusetts, made the point of order on the amendment offered by Mr. Gibson for the re-establishment of a branch mint at New Orleans, that it was new legislation, and not in the interest of economy. After a long argument, the point of order was overruled.

The House then began to vote on the various amendments agreed to in committee of the whole. The first one on which a division was asked was the one increasing the clerical force in the office of the Surgeon General. The amendment was resisted generally on the Democratic side, and was supported on the Republican side, as being necessary for the quicker dispatch of business in the decision of pension claims.

The vote resulted—yeas 115, nays 114. All the Republicans voted for the amendment, and Democrats, with the exception of Mr. Stephens and six others, against it. The Speaker cast his vote in the negative, thus tieing the vote and defeating the amendment.

The next vote was on a motion to strike out the section which authorizes the entire clerical force (six excepted) now employed on the Medical and Surgical History of the War, to be employed on work necessary to the prompt payment of pensions, and this was rejected—yeas 108, nays 115.

The amendment increasing the salaries of principal clerks in the Agricultural Department was rejected.

The amendment requiring agricultural seeds to be distributed proportionately among Congressional districts was agreed to—111 to 109.

The amendment offered by Mr. Gibson appropriating $185,000 for the re-establishment of the New Orleans mint was agreed to—125 to 91.

The bill was then passed, and the House adjourned.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 4.—The interest on the scene of the great mill disaster centres mainly in the search for additional remains of victims. The number of the dead is now placed at eighteen. Eight bodies, in all, have thus far been recovered.

Latest revised list of losses and insurance makes the total loss $824,160, and the total insurance $519,300.

Speculation continues to be rife as to the origin of the explosion. The theory of Mr. Christian, of the fire originating in the friction of dry stones communicating to explosive gas generated from mill dust, is generally received.—Another theory is that the building becoming supercharged with the electricity thrown off from the shafts, and not neutralized by the conductors, hence the other charge which caused the destruction and communicated the fire to the mills. No doubt is entertained but that all will be rebuilt at once. Governor Washburne, who is here, states that he will put up a mill on the ruins of Washburne A. which it is believed will be the largest in the world, containing fifty runs of stone. The new mill will be larger on the ground than the old one, and contain improved machinery. The other proprietors are less definite in their statements, but all propose to rebuild. The mill companies' elevator has been a losing investment, and its rebuilding is doubtful.

WELDON, N. C., May 6.—A riot occurred here this morning, in which John Purnell, a colored man, was killed and several white and colored men wounded. An election for Town Commissioners was held here to-day. About 5 o'clock this morning Purnell approached the polls and offered to vote. A white man in the crowd challenged his right, on the ground that he was not of age. Purnell's friends insisted he was. A general quarrel ensued and a crowd gathered around Purnell, who was armed with a club. The lie was given by Purnell to Emery, a prominent white man, who made for the negro and tried to strike him. Some one in the crowd fired three shots in quick successsion, one of the balls striking Purnell in the left lung, producing a dangerous wound, from which he died to-night. A general pistol firing followed, wounding several persons in the crowd. Arrests were attempted to be made, but without effect. Heretofore the Democrats have carried the town, but thinking prospects for doing so not so good this year offered a compromise ticket to the Republicans, which was refused, and the Democrats were consequently in bad humor when the polls opened this morning. On opening the ballot-box to-night, it was discovered that there were thirty-eight more votes cast than there were registered voters in the town.—The Republicans carried the election, but it will be contested by the Democrats on the grounds of fraud, practiced at the polls.

Wood.—Pratt has constantly on hand stove wood and four feet wood, which he

How a Spiritualist fraud was Exposed.

KEOKUK, Ia., May 7.—Three young men from Monmouth, Illinois, named J. H. Pattee, H. D. Harding, and F. Regnier, Jr., and one from Chicago, named G. V. Wells, have just accomplished a very successful expose of J. H. Mott, the famous materializing medium of Memphis, Missouri. They spent several days in Memphis, and attended a number of seances at Mott's house. Some of the party leaned decidedly toward spiritualism, and were endeavoring to strengthen their faith, but the tests were not satisfactory, and they began to suspect that Mott was a fraud. Pattee determined to settle the matter beyond a doubt. He procured a hollow ring with a small hole in front, and a tube on one side, which was connected with a hollow rubber ball, which, having previously filled with an alcoholic solution of aniline, was secreted in his hand. He sat through several seances, submitting to all the conditions. On the third evening, feeling confident that he recognized the features of Mott in the spirit's face, he put the squirting ring on his little finger, and when called to the aperture a friend appeared, in whom he recognized Mott. When the curtain parted, and the face appeared at the aperture near where his had rested, he compressed the rubber ball, squirting the aniline solution into the spirit's face. The face was immediately withdrawn, the assistants were called for and there was commotion in the cabinet. The party rushed to the door, and in the confusion which followed, Mott was heard to say in an angry tone, "The God dammed son of a b—h has squirted something all over my face." The door was opened and the solution was found to be spattered all over Mott's face and clothing. Mott undertook to account for this by saying that the spirit came to him so quick after the dye was squirted on it that the impression remained on his (Mott's) face. This theory was subsequently abandoned, and Mott's friends asserted that the aniline must have been thrown with malicious intent directly upon the medium, while sitting on the chair. The chair was examined, and the aniline was found to be spattered all over the arms, cushion and back, thus demonstrating that it was impossible that any one could have been sitting in it at the time. This proved conclusively that the face which received the charge of aniline was that of Mott himself, and the solution plainly stamped him the fraud he is. Mott was very much enraged at this bold and successful exposure. He got a shot-gun and threatened to shoot Pattee, but was dissuaded from so doing. He has been much depressed since, and evidently feels that his occupation is gone. Mrs. Mott entreated the party not to say anything about it, but they have made the exposure public. It created a decided sensation, and to-day is the all-absorbing topic throughout this section. Mott has been remarkably successful in perpetrating his fraud. His fame has gone abroad, and he has been visited by people from nearly every State in the Union. A conductor on the Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska Railway estimates that the company has received an annual income of $3,000 from persons going to and from Memphis to see Mott, but Mott will now take his place with Katie King and the others who have gone before.

NELSON FURNACE, O., May 6.—Henry Mattison, living in the northeastern part of La Rue county, who is supposed to be on his death bed, has given his estate to the Government, saying that he made it since the war by making moonshine whisky, and defrauding the United States to the amount of $12,000. He is about sixty-five years old, unmarried, and a democrat politically. His estate consists of cash on hand and about three acres of land. The latter is almost worthless.

OMAHA, May 4.—Nightly robberies for three weeks past and the presence in the city of an unusual number of tramps necessitated the action of the citizens' committee of safety, otherwise the vigilance committee, and to-night 150 men thoroughly organized organized and acting under a well- devised plan, searched the city thoroughly, commencing at 10 o'clock. Search was continued until morning. It is not known what disposition will be made of those captured. Legal measures will be adhered to until they fail, when desperate remedies will be applied. The committee will continue to act nightly until the tramp nuisance is abated.

GALESBURG, Ill., May 7.—James M. Worden, a bright little lad of 9 years, and the pride of his parents, who reside on Ferris street, went as usual at half past 6 last evening to bring a neighbor's cow from a small pasture several blocks away. He thoughtlessly tied the rope by which he led the cow, around his body, and when nearly home the animal became frightened and commenced running. The little fellow was dragged for some distance, but when assistance came, it was too late—all sparks of life had departed. The boy was carried to his home. His parents are nearly frantic with grief.

REV. JOHN JASPER has other set ideas besides those relating to the "motion of the sun." He is so firm a Baptist that he says "de only doors to hebben be under de water like de mill-gate, and yo mus' [illegible]

PEACEFUL PROSPECTS.

Substantial Reasons for the same.

LONDON, May 7.—Twelve hundred Martini-Henry rifles have been ordered shipped to Malta immediately, probably for the Indian contingent.

It is stated a national convention will be called in London to protest against war, should the Government take further measures likely, in the opinion of the Liberals, to lead to war.

The statements of Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons, last evening, are regarded as reassuring. It is also thought that the visit of Count Shouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador, to St. Petersburg, cannot be otherwise than helpful to the cause of peace, as he can explain the temper and views of the English Government and people more effectually than could be done in correspondence.

The change in the public opinion of Russia in a peaceful direction is said to be very marked, and to be the result of the recognition of the serious consequence that would inevitably result from a new war. The Czar is personally directing negotiations with the assistance of Baron Jomini. The Czar's predilections are entirely in favor of peace.

It seems the general impression that Prince Gortschakoff will not be able to resume the chancellorship.

The present endeavors are stated to be directed to securing such an understanding between England and Russia as will permit the assembling of the congress without a certainty of failure. To this end direct communications are passing between the two Governments with a view of ascertaining what modifications in Europe and Asia would render the San Stefano treaty acceptable. Without such an understanding there will be no congress.

Great misery and destitution prevail among the peasants of the Russian Governments of Kassan, Vigtka, Nijnil, Novgorod, Perm and Simbirsk. Local administration cannot afford relief, as the people are unable to pay taxes. Appeals to St. Petersburg and Moscow are made.

The statements that the Russian General Todleben is negotiating with British Admiral Hornby and the Porte; that he had sent an ultimatum to the Porte, etc., are contradicted. Pending the negotiations between St. Petersburg and London, General Tobleben is not likely to adopt any course tending to create new complications. He has not met Admiral Hornby, who, after spending three days with Layard, returned to Ismid yesterday. His personal opinion is that the fleet should withdraw beyond Gallipoli.

To the Soldiers of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 6, 1878.—COMRADES:—The 23d of May, 1878, has been designated as the day for the removal of the flags of the Illinois regiments who served in the Mexican war and the rebellion, from the State Arsenal to the apartment assigned for them in the State House. The resident soldiers of this city have held a meeting, at which it was decided to call together in a grand reunion on that day the old soldiers of Illinois who marched to battle and to victory under these flags. A parade and a banquet are contemplated, with other exercises of interest and pleasure. It is earnestly desired that each Illinois regiment have a representation present to take charge of their honored flags in the procession and parade prior to consigning them, in their historic glory, to their last resting place.

All Illinois soldiers who served their State and their country in the Black Hawk war, the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion, together with the surviving members of the late Gov. Richard Yates' war administration, are invited, and earnestly desired to be present and join in the pleasant duties of the day—duties that will be quickened by the living memories of the past. All Illinois soldiers have pride in these old battle-worn flags.—They are their sacred legacies to the State—to the country. Thirteen years ago most of them were placed by you in the State Arsenal, and now that they are to be removed to another locality it is deemed but proper to ask that you, the old soldiers of Illinois, who in hours of great trial and conflict formed for them a loving attachment, should do that pleasant duty, and for that purpose a reunion is called.

MAJ. L. SOUTHER,
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May 7-d&w1w

MARKET REPORT.

DECATUR, ILL., May 9, 1878.

GRAIN MARKET.	
FLOUR—White Wheat selling per hundred lbs	$2.75@3.00
FLOUR—Red wheat selling per hundred lbs	2.75
CORN MEAL—White selling	.30
" " —Yellow "	.35
SHORTS—Per hundred, selling	1.00
CORN	.25@.30
WHEAT	1.00@1.05
FARM PRODUCE.	
POTATOES—Early Rose	.40
" —Peachblow	.45@.50
BUTTER—Per lb	.15
EGGS—Per dozen	.7
LARD—Selling	12½
SIDE-BACON—Selling	.10
HAMS—Selling	12½
CHICKENS—Per dozen	1.75@2.25
TURKEYS—Dressed	.8@.10
ONIONS—Per bushel	.75
APPLES—Per bushel	1.25
TIMOTHY HAY—Per ton	7.00
FAT CATTLE—Per cwt.	3.50@4.00
HOGS—Per cwt.	3.00@3.75
WOOL—Fine, unwashed	.24@.25
" —washed	.32@.34
HIDES—Green	4½
" —damaged	⅔ price
" —Dry	8@.12½

VEGETINE

For Dropsy.

CENTRAL FALLS, R. I., Oct. 19, 1877

DR. H. R. STEVENS:—
It is a pleasure to give my testimony for your valuable medicine. I was sick for a long time with *Dropsy*, under the doctor's care. He said it was *Water* between the *Heart* and *Liver*. I received no benefit until I commenced taking the VEGETINE; in fact, I was growing worse. I have tried many remedies; they did not help me. VEGETINE is the medicine for *Dropsy*. I began to feel better after taking a few bottles. I have taken thirty bottles in all. I am perfectly well, never felt better. No one can feel more thankful than I do.
I am, dear sir, gratefully yours,
A. D. WHEELER.

VEGETINE.—When the blood becomes lifeless and stagnant, either from change of weather or of climate, want of exercise, irregular diet, or from any other cause, the VEGETINE will renew the blood, carry off the putrid humors, cleanse the stomach, regulate the bowels, and impart a tone of vigor to the whole body.

VEGETINE

For Kidney Complaint and Nervous Debility.

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Dear Sir,—I have had a *cough* for 18 years, when I commenced taking the **Vegetine**. I was very low; my system was debilitated by disease. I had the *Kidney Complaint*, and was very *nervous*—*cough* bad, *lungs* sore. When I had taken one bottle I found it was helping me; it has helped my cough, and it strengthens me. I am now able to do my work. Never have found anything like the **Vegetine**. I know it is everything it is recommended to be.
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MRS. JAMES CONNER,
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HEADACHE.—There are various causes for headache, as derangement of the circular system, of the digestive organs, of the nervous system, etc. **Vegetine** can be said to be a sure remedy for the many kinds of headache, as it acts directly upon the various causes of this complaint, Nervousness, Indigestion, Costiveness, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Biliousness, etc. Try the **Vegetine**. You will never regret it.

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Doctor's Report.

DR. CHAS. M. DUDDENHAUSEN, Apothecary, Evansville, Ind.
The doctor writes: I have a large number of good customers who take Vegetine. They all speak well of it. I know it is a good *medicine* for the complaints for which it is recommended.
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Doctor's Report.

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Very respectfully,
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Our Policy will be the same as heretofore—not to advertise any prices as a decoy, but to here, once for all, that our prices will be from

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OUR OWN MANUFACTURE, AND SOLD IN RETAIL AT WHOLESALE PRICES,

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March 13, 1877—d&w1l

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April 10, 1878—d&w3m10s

JOHN T. RAYMOND.—We call attention to the advertisement of the John T. Raymond Combination which appears in our columns to-day. Everybody will be delighted that this eminent comedian is to pay Decatur another visit, and take this opportunity to say that "Risks," the piece which he will present this time, is fully as well calculated to develop his strong points as is "The Gilded Age," in which he appeared when here before. Nobody

PARDON NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
Macon County,

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of May, A. D. 1878, an application for the pardon of Jacob Page, convicted at the August Term, A. D. 1878, of the Circuit Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, of the crimes of grand larceny and burglary, will be made to the Governor of said State.
W. C. JOHNS, Attorney.
April 25, 1878—w3w

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